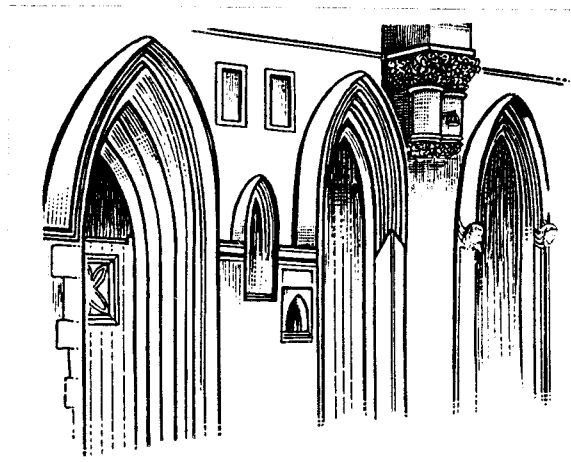


Provost John Bamber, 1885—1886

THIS DISTINGUISHED PRIEST was less than a year Rector of St. Mary Magdalen's. He died in Brighton on March 11th, 1886, and had been ill for some months. A native of Lancashire, he was born in 1827, and was ordained priest in Rome on December 8th, 1854, the day of the definition of the Immaculate Conception. He spent several years as a Professor at St. Edmund's College, Ware, became a Canon of Southwark Chapter and later Provost. In 1863 he became Rector of Bermondsey and for nearly 23 years did magnificent work in this South London parish. It was said of him: "His zeal and labours among the poor had hastened his end." His Requiem took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bermondsey, and he was buried at Kensal Green Cemetery.



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