

change has taken place in the North-West since these honoured brethren commenced their missionary labours there! All the brethren were present, and felt great joy at seeing each other. The Rev. John Macdougall, from Morley, came to Winnipeg by rail in a few days, whereas the same journey formerly consumed several weeks of great discomfort. Great demands are made for additional labourers. Dr. Rice, President of the General Conference, was present, and the Rev. Wm. Bee, of the Primitive Methodist Conference, was also present for a short time. The Rev. H. W. Beecher and the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba were present.

From recent intelligence received from Newfoundland we gather that two young men came from England as the Conference was in session, and were received as candidates for the ministry. Application is to be made to England for ten more. Rev. James Dove was elected for the third time to the Presidential chair, and the Rev. G. J. Bond, Secretary. The President was elected to the Central Board of Missions, and the Secretary to the Transfer Committee. The brethren in this Conference are called to endure many privations. In one district five out of twelve ministers were unable to reach the District Meeting. Some were not able to reach the seat of Conference. The missionary at Labrador can seldom leave his ice-bound coast until June. The Conference lost three brethren beloved, by transfer, one of whom, the Rev. C. Ladner, goes to Brandon, Manitoba, and another to Nicola Valley, British Columbia.

THE DEATH ROLL.

"Death loves a shining mark." This saying has been illustrated by several instances that have occurred since our last. Among others may be mentioned:—

Rev. Robert Moffatt, D.D., father-in-law of Dr. Livingstone. Dr. Moffatt was a missionary in Africa for more than half a century. His book of missionary toil and success,

which was published both in England and America, is a grand repository of Gospel triumphs. He is now at rest.

Mr. T. B. Smithies, of London, the well-known proprietor and editor of the *British Workman* and several other illustrated periodicals, finished a life of usefulness and went to his reward. He was an earnest Christian labourer, and though a member of the Wesleyan Church from his youth, he was no bigot, but took great delight in associating with members of other Churches for philanthropic purposes.

The well known Dr. Palmer, Editor of *Guide to Holiness*, who, with his sainted wife, Mrs. Phebe Palmer, often visited Canada for evangelistic purposes, died very suddenly at Ocean Grove, in July. He had gone there to hold a series of meetings, some of which he had already conducted, and while sitting on the piazza of his house, he quietly passed away. He was nearly 80 years old.

The Rev. H. J. Nott, Editor of the *Observer*, the organ of the Bible Christian Church, preached twice on a recent Sabbath, took sick on Tuesday, and on the next Sabbath was called to the joy of his Lord. He was greatly beloved by a numerous circle of friends. His death is a great loss to the denomination, especially in the present state of the Union question. Mr. Nott was an earnest advocate of Methodist unification, but before it has been consummated he has been transferred to the Church above.

The death of the Rev. George Pritchard is also announced. He lived to the age of 88. His life was an eventful one. For many years he was a missionary in the South Seas, and was banished from Tahiti when the French dethroned Queen Pomare and set up a Protectorate on the island.

As these notes were being prepared, news reached us of the death of Rev. Joseph Carr, of Montreal Conference. He entered the ministry in 1873, so that he has soon been called to his reward.