

THE DEATH ROLL.

Bishop Robert Paine, D D, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died October 18th, 1882. He was a man of great symmetry of character, and was regarded as an eloquent preacher and a prudent administrator. In age he was an octogenarian, and had been in the Methodist ministry more than sixty years. He was only relieved from active duties at the last General Conference, held in May, 1882. The Church mourns the loss of such a father in Israel.

Our brethren in Eastern British America have lost one of their number, the Rev. H. McKeown, who died very suddenly at his home in Sussex, N. B. The deceased was a man of mark among his brethren. He was seven times elected chairman of his district, and was a member of the first General Conference. For twenty-nine years he was a faithful servant of the Church, during which he was stationed in some of the most important circuits. He was a good pastor, and during the last day of his life he was engaged in this important part of ministerial duty. He took great interest in Sunday-schools. He retired to rest without complaining of indisposition, but towards morning he was heard to breathe heavily, when medical aid was called, but he passed away to his heavenly rest, and thus ceased at once to work and live.

The Rev. Daniel Connolly, of the Montreal Conference, was also during the month of October called to his reward. For more than twenty-five years he had faithfully discharged the duties of a Methodist Minister in the eastern portions of Ontario and the Province of Quebec. Judging from his noble physique, it might have been supposed that for many years to come he would have occupied a prominent place among his brethren; but heart-disease suddenly terminated his career.

The Rev. E. S. Shibley, of the London Conference, has also been called away. His death was occasioned by an accident which he received a few weeks ago, by which he was thrown out of his buggy:

brain fever followed, which soon terminated his career, November 6, 1882. He had only been eight years in the ministry.

As these notes are being written, news has reached the writer of the sudden death of the Rev. M. Stafford, Roman Catholic Priest, Lindsay. In his death the Temperance community has lost a valuable friend. He was greatly beloved by all classes.

ITEMS.

Testimonies to the value of Methodism are often made by persons outside of the community itself. Sir A. E. Havelock, the recently appointed Governor on the West Coast of Africa, on his arrival at Sierra Leone, was presented with an address from the Wesleyan Missionaries of the colony, to which in his reply he said that, "it had been his good fortune to witness in more than one remote region the good results which have attended the missionary efforts of the Wesleyan body. At the Cape and in the West Indies, he had observed them work. In the Fiji Islands the courage, organization and zeal shown by the Wesleyan missionaries is beyond all praise. A whole nation has been rescued from heathenism, and the most cruel barbarism; and in the achievement of this success, the Wesleyans have been almost alone.

Sir Richard Temple has written a book on India, which contains a chapter on Missions, which deserves an attentive perusal from all who sneer at Missions in general, and Missions in India especially. Speaking of the results of the expenditure incurred, he says, "A similar result in secular affairs obtained by like resources would not be regarded as otherwise than satisfactory."

Concerning the converts from Hindooism, Sir Richard says, "Though they may not display all the finer virtues of Christianity, they must have some of such virtues, for they must have cast out with an effort many superstitions, they must have dedicated their thoughts to truth alone. * * * Despite many temptations, the instances of apostasy have been very rare."