

counsellor, his judgment was always formed after careful and mature thought. Brother Betts was about thirty years in the Methodist ministry, but before leaving England he was an active official church member.

"His appointments were Quebec, Kingston, Hamilton, Bloor Street, Toronto, Barrie, and several important country circuits. Though never anxious to occupy prominent positions, he was Chairman of District for a few years, and was a member of two General Conferences.

"His beloved friend, Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, conducted a funeral service in his house on Sunday afternoon, May 11th, and on Monday, 12th, his remains were conveyed to the Tilsonburg Cemetery; six of his brother ministers acted as pallbearers. A funeral service was also held at Tilsonburg on the arrival of the funeral cortege.

"'Another hand is beckoning us,
Another call is given—
And glows once more with angel steps,
The path which reaches heaven.'"

DEATH OF MRS. JEFFERY.

This "elect lady," so well known and so greatly beloved in many of our churches, was suddenly called from labour to reward on Sunday, May 4th. Her condition caused no alarm till a very short time before her death. As her husband, the Rev. T. W. Jeffery, went to his morning service at Queen St. West, Toronto, she asked for a text for meditation, and he gave her the passage: "Though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." On his return she was speechless and soon passed away. Her death gave a painful shock to the community and will be a great loss, especially to the Woman's Missionary Society, of which she was the able, and energetic president. Her funeral service was held in the Metropolitan Church, when the Rev. S. J. Hunter gave one of the most beautiful and appropriate addresses to which we ever listened, and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland read a most admirable tribute from the officary of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ILLNESS OF THE REV. DR. RICE.

For some weeks the revered and honoured chief officer of the Methodist Church of Canada, and senior Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, has been seriously ill—so ill, indeed, that at times his life was almost despaired of. But through the good providence of God, and in answer, we doubt not, to many fervent effectual prayers, a great change for the better has taken place, and we trust he will in a few weeks be again restored to the discharge of his important duties. His illness may, we think, be largely attributed to overwork during the last year and more. He has thrown himself with intense energy into his official work, travelling many thousands of miles, and labouring, especially in connection with our educational work, with a zeal that would have taxed the strength of many a younger man.