

To the above long list, the names of three men of great prominence in the Province of Ontario have to be added, viz : Mr. O'Reilly, an eminent lawyer, who distinguished himself in bringing the murderer of the late Hon. T. D. Magee, M.P., to justice ; Sheriff Thomas, whose name was well known in all the benevolent societies of his locality ; and Lieutenant Governor Crawford, whose demise called forth the sympathy of the Dominion. His funeral was the largest ever seen in Toronto. These sad scenes speak in earnest tones, "Be ye also ready."

In the more private walks of life death has been busy. Among other distinguished and holy women, we have to mention the name of Mrs. Jackson, relict of the late E. Jackson, Esq., Hamilton, who, in her last will bequeathed \$10,000 to Victoria College, (besides \$22,000 previously given by herself and Mr. Jackson) \$10,000 to the Missionary Society, \$10,000 to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada, and \$4,000 to the Boys' Home, Hamilton. Such deeds are worthy of record, and commend themselves to all who are in circumstances to emulate them.

EPISCOPAL METHODISTS.

OUR Episcopal Methodist brethren are always ahead of the other Methodist denominations in holding their Annual Conferences, which are three in number, all confined to the Province of Ontario. They are designated the Niagara, the Ontario, and the St. Lawrence Conferences. The sessions were held in the month of May, at Springfield, Meaford, and Iroquois, respectively. Bishop Carman, being the only bishop, was the presiding officer at all the Conferences. As Bishop Richardson had so recently gone to his reward, his successor felt his position to be the more onerous, and in his opening address he pronounced a noble eulogy to his departed colleague.

Bishop Carman is a scholar and a

gentleman, and as a graduate of our Victoria University, we have felt no small interest in watching his progress, until he has attained the highest position which the Church can confer. The bishop speaks very hopefully respecting the state of the Church of which he is now the honoured head. From the returns, we perceive that there has been an increase in the membership of each conference, of more than 200, and in two of them, ten young men have been received as candidates for the ministry.

The Educational Institutions at Belleville have an able treasurer and manager in the person of J. G. Roberson, Esq. He reports having some \$30,000 received for the endowment, and hopes soon to have \$10,000 more. Excellent churches have also been erected at Brockville and Strathroy, and others are in course of erection at Belleville and Picton.

We are pleased to find that our friends are working their Sabbath Schools very vigorously. Several conventions have been held. It is gratifying to report that in one conference no less than 309 conversions have taken place in the schools.

The last General Conference appointed the Rev. James Gardiner Missionary Secretary. From his report we gather that the Mission Board intend to push the mission work with increased vigour, and that probably before long a mission will be commenced in Manitoba.

We regret that our friends do not seem to be so much in favour of Methodist union, as we view it, as they once were. They seem to make the Episcopacy a *sine qua non*; so also our Primitive Methodist brethren insist that there shall be Lay Representation in all the Courts, and each official meeting shall elect its own chairman, who may be either a minister or a layman. We have no quarrel with our friends on these matters of opinion; but we do not see much probability of union, when any of the parties state, beforehand, the only terms on which they will consent to unite.