

bably the first society of the kind formed among the Indians.

Gerrard Street Church and Euclid Avenue Church, Toronto, were both recently re-opened after enlargement. The city churches appear to be doing well. We understand that Sherbourne Street Church is to be rebuilt and Carlton Street Church to be enlarged.

Rev. Paul Robins, a superannuated minister in Toronto Conference, has recently set an example worthy of imitation. He sent a cheque for \$517 to the Rev. William Briggs, President of the Toronto Conference, to be expended on such church objects as the President may deem most needy.

Mrs. Dickson, of Montreal, has also remembered the Superannuation Fund by sending \$100 to the treasurer. The said lady contributes a similar amount annually.

#### THE DEATH ROLL.

Death has been very busy since our last issue. W. H. Vanderbilt, Esq., said to be the richest man in the world, died suddenly while conversing with a friend at his house in New York. He left about a million dollars to several benevolent societies. The University at Nashville, Tenn., which owes its existence mainly to the generosity of his father, was remembered by him in the gift of \$200,000.

The Very Rev. John Saul Howson, D.D., died in December at the age of 69. He was the author of several valuable theological works, none of which surpassed the "Life and Epistles of St. Paul," which he published conjointly with the Rev. W. J. Conybeare.

Dr. William B. Carpenter, the eminent English physician, died in London from a terrible burning which resulted from the upsetting of a lamp while he was taking a vapour bath for rheumatism. He was an eminent temperance advocate, and the author of "Physiology of Temperance and Total Abstinence," and other important works.

Rev. John Butler, Presbyterian missionary in China, died of cholera near Ningpo, last October. His eldest son died of the same disease a few hours before him. Mr. Butler was born in the Roman Catholic Church, but while he was yet a youth he was converted to Protestantism. He graduated at Princeton in 1865. He went to China in 1867, where he has laboured with great efficiency ever since, preaching both in English and Chinese.

In our own Church another superannuated minister, the Rev. David Griffin, of Niagara Conference, has finished his course. He had attained the patriarchal age of 88. In consequence of feeble health he only gave 12 years to circuit work. During the years of his retirement he performed a good deal of valuable service for the Church, and now he rests from his labours.

Mrs. Mathewson, widow of the late John Mathewson, of Montreal, has followed her sainted husband and many members of their family to their eternal home. The venerable couple were among the pioneers of Methodism in Montreal. The fathers of the Church were especially greatly indebted to their hospitality.

The Hon. Adam Crooks.—This esteemed gentleman has gone over to the great majority. During the last two years of his life his intellect was beclouded. As a lawyer he was distinguished for patient industry, and his opinions were always regarded with favour. As Minister of Education he was the successor of the late revered Dr. Ryerson, and at the time of that Nestor's demise he delivered a highly eulogistic address in the Ontario Legislature, when he moved that the House should adjourn and attend the funeral of his honoured predecessor. The Temperance community should revere his memory, as he carried through the Provincial Parliament an important measure now known as the Crooks Act. He was a cultivated gentleman, a genial member of society, and an honourable statesman.