

Religious Intelligence.



THE LATE WARRING KENNEDY.

By the death of Warring Kennedy has passed away one of the once most conspicuous figures of Canadian Methodism. Warring Kennedy was a typical example of north of Ireland energy and enterprise. He came to this country a poor lad, but by his moral earnestness and business ability won his way into prominence in commercial, civic, and religious life. The esteem in which he was held is shown in the fact that in his first election for mayor he received the largest majority ever recorded in the city of Toronto. He was an active member of several General Conferences, and of one was the secretary. He was a singularly genial, kindly, sympathetic man, and a zealous friend of every good cause—the Bible Society, the House of Industry, the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and other philanthropic and religious works. He carried his religion into every-day life. He was one of the most effective local preachers, class-leaders and Sun-

day-school superintendents in Canadian Methodism. He was one of the pioneers of the Methodist Deaconess movement, and till his death one of the managers of the Deaconess Home. For many years he was an active member and treasurer of the Sunday-school Board, and devoted an amount of time and toil to this work that only those most nearly associated with him knew. The City Council held a special meeting at his death, passed resolutions of condolence, and attended his funeral in a body. He had reached the ripe age of seventy-seven.

A MILESTONE OF PROGRESS.

A marked note of the progress of the North-West was the division of the old Manitoba Conference into three new ones. The incident is thus described by the Rev. Henry Lewis in his correspondence in the Wesleyan :

"The occasion was historic. For the old Conference, so dear to many hearts, was to meet for the last time, and meet in Grace Church, Winnipeg. In membership there was an increase of 2,480; total, 25,867; Missionary Fund, \$29,729, increase, \$1,126; new churches, 27, value \$81,603; new parsonages 22, value \$42,050. The reader will see that Methodism is growing by leaps and bounds. The project so long talked of to divide the Conference is now a fact. So we have now Manitoba, Assiniboia, and Alberta Conferences. The meeting held in Grace Church when the three new presidents addressed the congregation, was of great interest. The new Conferences have started on their career, and all are looking forward to rapid growth.

Among others of great interest at the recent Conference was the report from Alberta College, in Edmonton. Under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Riddell as principal, the Rev. college is making a record, having during its first year sent a student who has won a Rhodes Scholarship.

The corner-stone of the new Zion Church, Winnipeg, was laid by Mr. J. H. Ashdown. The church is to cost, when complete, about \$60,000. Thus another chapter in the history of Western Methodism is being brought to pass. But it is hard for Methodism to keep