

DEATH OF DEAN KENNEDY.

The news of the death of Dean Kennedy, the well-known priest of the Roman Catholic Church and the chief of the parish of St. Laurence, North Adelaide, will be received with profound regret by members of his denomination and by the public generally. The name of the Dean was a household word in Catholic circles particularly, but his large-heartedness, his genial disposition, and the great interest he took in philanthropic work gained for him the admiration of people of all denominations. The Dean had been in ill-health for some weeks. His heart was affected and when dropsy made its appearance and gradually extended it became evident that the sufferer could not recover. He died on Saturday morning at his residence, Buxton-street, in the presence of Fathers Delahunty, Cornes, Adamson, and O'Neill, and Dr. O'Connell. Father Delahunty and John Healey are the executors under the will of the deceased gentle-



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man. Dean Kennedy was educated at Waterford College and was brought up on the borders of Waterford and Tipperary. He came to this colony about November, 1866, just after the arrival of Bishop Shiels. His first appointment was at north Yorke's Peninsula, the headquarters then being at Kadina, where a church had been established by the Jesuit Fathers, and which was visited at intervals of about two months by the late Dr. Reynolds. During his pastorate at Yorke's Peninsula he finished the church, and presbyteries at Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, and Snowtown. In 1883 he was appointed dean, and succeeded Archdeacon Russell as the administrator at St. Laurence's, North Adelaide. He was one of the council of the archdiocese for many years.

Laurence's, North Adelaide. He was one of the council of the archdiocese for many years, and his advice was always sought on matters affecting the welfare of the church in this colony. Dean Kennedy was a typical parish priest, an excellent administrator, and an accomplished scholar and theologian. He had business ability of no mean order, and as already observed he was exceedingly popular with all classes of the community. The Dean's health had been failing during the past two years, and in October, 1895, he was attacked by influenza, with congestion of the lungs, and his life was despaired of. On that occasion, however, he recovered, and was able once more to carry on the work of his parish. He had always considered September as an unlucky month to members of his family, and he foretold that his own decease would take place in that month. In September, 1895, Dean Kennedy was chosen to represent the clergy of the archdiocese at the Plenary Council in Sydney, but he was too ill to carry out his task. The bell of the Catholic Cathedral was tolled out of respect for the deceased on Saturday morning, and his body lay in his own church during Sunday.