

A new church was recently opened at Columbus, Toronto Conference. At the close of the dedicatory sermon, by Dr. Stafford, Dr. Stone took charge of the finances, and asked for \$1,400; and in less than an hour \$1,600 were subscribed, which leaves the church free from debt.

The missionaries in China write very encouragingly respecting their work, some native Chinese have been baptized.

RECENT DEATHS.

Bishop McTyeire, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died Feb. 16. He had been ill for several weeks, but until within a few days of his death hopes were entertained of his recovery. He was in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and had been in the ministry since 1845. After serving in the ranks, he was elected editor of New Orleans and Nashville *Advocates* respectively. He was thirteen years editor, when he was elected bishop, just as the Civil War was closed. His task was not easy, but he proved himself adequate to the trying duties of the Episcopacy. Being a relative by marriage of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, largely through his instrumentality the Vanderbilt University was established at Nashville, of which he was President from the commencement. He was an able man in every sense of the word. He visited the Methodist General Conference at Hamilton in 1882.

Rev. Otis Gibson, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in San Francisco, Jan. 25th. He was first a missionary in China, and afterwards commenced a Chinese mission on the Pacific Coast. This was a trying position. His life was often in danger. He was once burned in effigy, and frequently he was under police protection, but nothing could drive him from his

work. His arduous labours brought on paralysis, from which he never recovered. He was a grand man, and the mission could not well have sustained a greater loss than his death occasioned.

Father Gavazzi, of Rome, was well known as one of the prominent men of Italy; at one time a monk of the Church of Rome, and afterwards a minister of the Free Church in Italy. He was a prominent actor in many of the scenes which took place in that country during the last forty years. His eloquence was thrilling. He visited America twice. Those who heard him in Toronto in 1850, will not have forgotten the effect of his discourses. A riot occurred in Montreal, which will always be known as the Gavazzi riot. He laboured with great zeal. His death occurred in the latter part of 1888, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His funeral was attended by all the Protestant ministers in Rome. By his desire his body was cremated.

The death of Professor Young, of Toronto University, removes a man greatly beloved and revered by his students. He was a model instructor, full of enthusiasm in his chosen work, and inspiring enthusiasm in others.

The Rev. John Gibson, missionary in Demerara, of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, died at his post. He was a young minister of great promise, but after four years' toil in the mission he was called to his reward in heaven.

Rev. R. W. MacDonnell, a valuable missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at Durango, Mexico, in December last. He was only thirty-one years of age, and had been a missionary eight years.

Rev. John Broadbent, Wesleyan, finished his successful course in December.