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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

OUR readers will find in this issue the commencement of a new serial story, "Tom's Heathen," which promises to be interesting.

REV. CHARLES CHINIQUY has received a call from the Orangemen of Australia to go there to deliver a course of lectures in their interests. Mr. Chiniquy states he has been forwarded the means to carry him thither and back home.

THE Free Presbytery of Aberdeen resolved to take up the case of Professor Smith at its meeting in September. Several members stated that the papers connected with the case were so complicated that it was impossible to understand the actual deliverance of the Assembly.

THE congregations of Innerkip and Ratho have given their esteemed pastor, the Rev. J. M. Aull, a three month's vacation to enable him to make a tour through Great Britain and Ireland as well as pay a visit to the Paris Exposition. Mr. Aull sailed from New York on Saturday, the 15th ult., in the "Victoria," bound for Glasgow.

ON the 2nd of June the two Presbyterian Churches in St. John's, Newfoundland, consummated a long desired union by worshipping together. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. A. Ross, of Harbor Grace, and the evening service by the Rev. J. D. Patterson. Services will be held in the Athenaeum until the handsome new church being built is completed.

THE statistics of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland shows that there has been an increase of eight congregations during the past year; 11,171 persons were baptized, or 227 fewer than in 1876; 56,416 young baptized persons were connected with the Church, but not in full communion. The number of members in full communion with the Church is 173,554, or 1,384 more than in the previous year. 25,523 persons attended the prayer meetings during the year; 88 students were at the Theological Hall.

THE Presbyterian Church at Cayuga having been closed for several weeks for painting and other improvements, was re-opened for public worship on Sabbath, 16th ult., by the Rev. Professor Bryce, LL.B., Principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg. The Rev. Professor preached both morning and evening to large congregations with great acceptance. The Rev. A. Grant, B.A., pastor of the Church, preached in the afternoon. The interior of the Church presents a very handsome appearance and reflects credit on the managers. The congregation have no financial difficulties to encounter.

THE Hopeful Gleaners' Mission Band held a Reunion and Strawberry Festival in the Gerrard street Schoolhouse on Friday the 28th ult. It proved successful in every way; the number present being greater than at any previous meeting of the Band, while the music and readings were unusually good. We noticed especially a song "Esmeralda," by Miss McIntosh and the readings by Mr. John Alexander. His rendering of the "Creeds of the Bells," "An After-dinner Speech," and "On the use of Spectacles in Church" was remarkably fine. The instrumental music by the Misses Caven and Miss Nellie Richardson also merited praise. The choir of the church so well and favourably known rendered a cantata "The Dawn of Spring" very beautifully. The funds of the Association have been greatly increased by this meeting.

THE death of the late venerated Senior Professor of the Princeton Theological Seminary, the Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., took place at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, June 19th, after a comparatively short illness. The funeral services, which were held on Saturday afternoon, drew together a large body of clergy and prominent laymen from New York, Philadelphia, and the intermediate and surrounding places. President McCosh conducted the services and rendered the opening devotions, giving out the hymns and reading the last portions of the eighth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans and the fifteenth of First Corinthians. The Rev. Dr. William Adams, of New York, offered the first prayer. A biographical memorial of Dr. Hodge, which was prefaced and concluded with extemporaneous remarks, was read by the Rev. Dr. William M. Paxton of New York. After Dr. Paxton's address, prayer was offered and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, D.D., of Philadelphia. The remains, which were not exposed to view in the church, were then taken to the village burial ground, where repose the ashes of Jonathan Edwards, and Archibald Alexander, and Samuel Miller, and many more famous men.

THE trial of the Rev. Dr. Miller of New Jersey (son of the late Dr. Miller of Princeton) was one of the most important matters brought before the American Presbyterian Assembly at Pittsburg. Dr. Miller had been charged with teaching that the soul is not immortal; that at the death of the body it dies, becomes extinct, and so continues until the resurrection—a doctrine contrary to the Church's Confession of Faith. Also that Christ, as a child of Adam, was personally accounted guilty of Adam's sin, inherited a corrupt nature, needed to die, and was redeemed by His own death. Also that there is only one person in the Godhead. The Presbytery of New Brunswick, N.J., suspended Dr. Miller until such time as he should renounce the errors he had been found to hold, and solemnly promise no longer to proclaim them. The Synod of New Jersey sustained the Presbytery, and the case was appealed to the General Assembly. After a full discussion of the subject, and an able speech in reply by Dr. Miller, the Assembly voted on the question whether Dr. Miller's appeal from the Synod of New Brunswick should be sustained, which resulted—"Not to sustain," 274; "to sustain in part," 18; "to sustain," 3.

THE death is recorded of the Rev. Robert Stirling,

D.D., minister of the parish of Galston, Ayrshire, who has been for several years the oldest minister in the Church of Scotland. Dr. Stirling was born in 1790, near Methven, Perthshire, and was thus at the time of his death in his eighty-eighth year. Mr. Stirling was in 1815 licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Dumbarton; and in the following year he received a presentation from the Commissioner of the Duke of Portland to the Kilmarnock second charge, into which he was duly inducted. In 1824 he was translated to Galston, which living was in the gift of the same patron, and there he lived and laboured during the remainder of his long ministerial career, which in all extended over a period of sixty-three years. In 1840 the University of St. Andrew's conferred on Mr. Stirling the honorary degree of D.D., in recognition of his scholarly and scientific attainments. Though an excellent scholar, Dr. Stirling did little in the way of authorship, the only book which stands opposite his name in the catalogues of the day being an account of the parish in which he so long laboured. In early life he displayed considerable mechanical genius, and continued to exercise a taste for such pursuits until far advanced in life. He succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. Mr. Brown, who was ordained to the second charge in 1876, and who has proved himself highly acceptable to the people.

THE Rev. Dr. Andrew Bonar, Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, concluded his eloquent address, in closing the Assembly's session of 1878, as follows: "On the other hand we have much to humble us 'roots of bitterness' threatening to spring up and trouble us. Times of trial may be very near; the mystery of iniquity is at work with all skill, though the heart-hatred of Popery proclaimed on the scaffold by the martyr Argyle, is still strong in Scotland. We may soon see political convulsions, not in the East only, but over the kingdoms. But all the more let us raise the cry, Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe upon the slain! Some of us look for the speedy advent of the Lord Jesus, often remembering that it is when the three unclean spirits, like croaking frogs, are going forth to gather the nations to the battle of Armageddon that the cry from the throne startles the earth—'Behold! I come quickly.' All the more, on this account, do we labour earnestly and pray for the fuller outpouring of the Spirit before 'that great and terrible day of the Lord.' Others among us do not look for the Lord's coming so soon, but are of one accord, nevertheless, in calling on the Lord who will come at last to open the windows of heaven over all the earth. Let us go manfully to the task of enweaving into our remaining life, for it may not be long, a longer word of prayer. This will take us down to yet unpierced strata of Divine truth, and send us out to our people with treasures which will enrich and surprise them. It will save us the wretched hours we now waste in the search for texts and topics; it will drown our self-consciousness; it will gather our dispersed energies; it will every Sabbath make our preaching a grand and delightful putting forth of power; and if we learn the deep secret of such prayer, our people will learn it too; many will be built up, many will be turned to righteousness, and we shall be found, where Christ wishes us to be found at His coming, on our knees, for He has said—'Watch, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.'"