

Church, Toronto. There is a Chinese class of sixteen persons in the Sunday-school of the Metropolitan, and a class of Italians is being formed.

The Methodists first began their French mission in Canada in 1817, when the Rev. John de Putron was sent to begin the work. Had it been faithfully prosecuted, no doubt there would now have been less dense darkness in the Province of Quebec.

The following may illustrate the difficulties to be encountered in the French work. At Acton Vale and St. Theodore a young woman recently died, fully trusting in the Saviour and with no fear as to her eternal happiness. Yet the Roman Catholic priest on the Sabbath after her death declared from the pulpit that she had gone to the lowest depths of hell, and, of course, forbade the congregation to attend her funeral.

The Rev. J. M. Wilkinson, pastor of Agnes Street Church, Toronto, wishes to build a central tabernacle for public services. We hope he may succeed. Both Toronto District meetings approve the scheme.

As we are preparing these notes, Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto, is being dedicated. Dr. Stone, Chairman of the District, preached the first sermon. Bishop Vincent, Drs. Douglas, Potts, Briggs, and Stafford preached the other sermons.

The closing exercises of Victoria University were deeply interesting, notwithstanding the peculiar circumstances now surrounding that venerable seat of learning. The young ladies and gentlemen who received their respective diplomas and prizes acquitted themselves very creditably. A number of brethren received higher honours than they have hitherto enjoyed. The following received the degree of D.D.: Revs. E. A. Stafford, M.A., LL.D.; Hugh Johnston, M.A., B.D.; D. G. Sutherland, LL.B., and T. B. Stephenson, LL.D., of the Children's Home, London. Professor Reynar also received the degree of LL.D.

[We congratulate our friend, Bro. Barrass, on also receiving from another University the degree of D.D.—ED.]

It was a subject of universal regret that Professor Haanel's connection with Victoria University has now ceased. He has accepted a Professorship in Syracuse University, and will remove hither at an early day. Dr. Haanel is an enthusiast in science, and infuses a good deal of enthusiasm into all who sit at his feet. Hundreds will pray that he may have a successful career in the University to which he is going.

The Rev. J. W. Wadman, of British Columbia Conference, has offered himself for mission work in Japan.

Mr. E. W. Rathbun, of Desoronto, Ontario, has contributed \$10,000 to the Jubilee Fund of Queen's College, Kingston.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Forty-six student catechists are being employed this summer in the various mission fields in the Maritime Provinces.

The French Evangelization Society has purchased the Ottawa Ladies' College, which they will open in September, under a French lady principal and a staff of efficient teachers of pronounced Christian character and missionary spirit.

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Six Protestant Journals are published in Mexico, by the Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Friends. Protestant influence is extending to every part of the Republic, and the journals in question have been one of the chief factors in promoting this work.

The African Methodist Church—which has not a single white man among its members, reports a membership of four hundred and sixty thousand; it has one thousand two hundred places of worship, numbers ten thousand ministers, has fifteen thousand Sabbath-schools; supports its own denominational papers; has missions in the West Indies, Mexico, and Africa; and its reported contributions foot up more than \$2,000,000 annually for the support of Church work.

There are eighteen churches of