

EFFECT OF THE WAR ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.—The Committee on Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have resolved to discontinue the mission in Turkey. The mission in Liberia is also straitened in circumstances.

REV. DR. PLUMER.—The Rev. Dr. Plumer, Minister of the Central Church, Allegheny, and Professor in the Theological Seminary in that city, has offended his congregation and his brethren of the Presbytery by indications of a leaning towards the Southern Confederacy. The Presbytery have decided to recommend to Dr. Plumer to resign his pastoral charge, and further, to recommend to the Directors of the Seminary to suspend Dr. Plumer from his labours in that institution until next meeting of the General Assembly.

PRINCETON.—The Theological Seminary at Princeton has opened with an encouraging number of students, notwithstanding the war.

Communications.

(To the Editor of the Canada Presbyterian Record.)

OSHAWA—OPENING OF CHURCH AND ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.

SIR,—On last Sabbath I had the pleasure of attending the services held at the opening of the new Church, erected in Oshawa during the past year, in connexion with the Canada Presbyterian Church.

It may be necessary to state for the information of the readers of the *Record*, that Oshawa is a very thriving and industrious village, having a population of more than two thousand, situated on the line of the Grand Trunk Railroad, about thirty-four miles east of Toronto. The place is becoming somewhat noted for its manufacturing establishments, and is surrounded by one of the finest farming districts in Canada West.

For some time past the want of a Presbyterian place of worship, in the village, has been greatly felt by the Presbyterians in that, and the surrounding neighbourhood. Last year an effort was made by a few individuals, to raise funds for the erection of such place of worship. This effort was eminently successful; not only those more immediately interested, but the citizens generally, contributed with a liberality unprecedented in this part of the country, for the accomplishment of the aforesaid object. The result of these exertions is, that what was a vacant lot, on the east side of Simcoe St., at the beginning of last year, is now occupied by a substantial, neat, and commodious church, built of white brick, in modern style, very neatly finished inside, and containing one of the finest basements for the size that it has been my privilege for some time to visit. This edifice is an ornament to the village, and we hope and pray that it will prove of incalculable value both for time and eternity, to all who, in this and future generations, may have the privilege of worshipping within its sacred walls.

The services on Sabbath in connexion with the opening, were conducted by Rev. R. Thornton, D. D., Oshawa, and Rev. David Inglis, of Hamilton. Dr. Thornton preached in the morning, from the text, Matt. xviii, 19th and 20th