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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Plymouth Congregational Church of Philadelphia has become the North-western Presbyterian Church.

THE Union Congregation, composed of different denominations at Piney Falls, East Tennessee, has been organized as a Presbyterian Church.

REV. DR. COCHRANE having resigned the clerkship of the Presbytery of Paris, all communications should be addressed to the new clerk, Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock, Ont.

A FRENCH paper says the Rev. Ben Ollie, a missionary of the American Baptist Union, has been arrested and tried for trying to prevent a priest from administering the last sacraments to one of the members of his (Ollie's) church, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,500 francs. The Evangelical Alliance is investigating the case.

UP to the 15th the total number of yellow fever deaths had risen to 5,309. In proportion to its population, Memphis is suffering the worst, about 6,000 persons having been down with the disease there. There have been ten deaths at St. Louis and twenty-six at Hickman, Ky. Very many prominent citizens have been swept away in all the places infected. The New York contributions for the sufferers had increased on the 15th to \$234,791.

THE New York "Catholic Review" says: "Crime is rampant, and red-handed murder stalks through the land. And the criminals, nine out of ten, are men who have been educated in our public schools, and learned there to despise God and to defy his laws." The reply of the "Herald and Presbyterian" to this is: "If the 'Review' paid more attention to facts, its views would have more weight. Nine out of ten criminals in this country have not been educated in public schools, but a very large proportion are Catholics, and have received what little education they have from Catholic priests."

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Associate Reformed Presbyterian" speaking of a place which he visited in East Tennessee, says: "The Plymouth Brethren in the person of Lord Cecil have introduced themselves in that section, and we learned that one man had become so enthused with their doctrines of full assurance and the soon and sudden advent of the Saviour, that he has his wife hang a clean shirt on his bed-post at night, so that if the Lord should suddenly appear

during his slumbers he might be able speedily to present a clean exterior. This is the dangerous and destructive tendency of such teaching, to make clean the outside of the cup while it may be filled with filth and pollution."

AN interesting meeting of deaf mutes, and gentlemen interested in their welfare was held on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., in the rooms of the Y M C A., Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto. The object of the meeting was to arrange for regular services, to be held for the benefit of the deaf mutes of the city and neighborhood. With this object a number of gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee to aid and advise with the deaf mutes of this city, and the meeting on Wednesday evening was the first of a number it is proposed to hold during the coming season. It is also proposed to wait upon the Local Government to ascertain if they are disposed to aid in any way in the establishment of a mission for the benefit of the adult deaf mutes of the Province of Ontario.

ANOTHER buried town has been found in Italy, near Manfredonia, at the foot of Mount Gargano. A temple of Diana was first brought to light, and then a portico about twenty meters in length, with columns without capitals, and finally a necropolis covering fifteen thousand square meters (about three and three-fourth acres). A large number of inscriptions have been collected, and some of them have been sent to the museum at Naples. The town discovered is the ancient Sipontum, of which Strabo, Polybius and Livy speak, and which was buried by an earthquake. The houses are twenty feet below the surface of the soil. The Italian Government has taken measures to continue the excavations on a large scale. Every day some fresh object of interest turns up. The latest is a monument erected in honor of Pompey after his victory over the pirates, and a large quantity of coins in gold and copper.

FOR some weeks past the Prescott congregation have been engaged in refitting their church. The building is of stone, unpretending but substantial, and was built under the pastoral care of the late Dr. Boyd, who was ordained over the congregation in February, 1821. The improvements consist of a gallery across the end and partly down the sides, a remodelling of the pulpit, frescoing the walls and ceiling, cushioning the seats, the erection of spacious sheds for the use of teams from the country, and a tasteful fence around the property. Some \$3,000 have been expended, and economically so. "Well done, twice done" has been exemplified. A more comfortable and neat interior is not to be seen in any church of its size. On Thursday, the 29th ult., a social was served by the ladies in the basement, after which the church was opened and suitable addresses were delivered by Dr. Miller, of Ogdensburg, N.Y.; and Mr. Burton, of Belleville, one of the former pastors of the congregation. Allusion was made to the pioneer work of the veteran pastor who had gone to his rest, and the lesson urged "press on." On the following Sabbath, September 1st, Mr. Burton occupied the pulpit morning and evening, preaching from Matt. v. 16, 2 Cor. v. 17. The attendance at all the opening services was large. The best spirit prevailed, and it is fervently hoped that with a pastor once more and soon among them, that old congregation which is "a milestone of the fathers, a landmark of the past," may start anew upon a career of

usefulness, shining forth with steady ray the light of life.—COM.

WE notice with regret the death of the Rev. Alexander Spence, D.D., for many years minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, which took place at Elgin, Scotland, on the 4th inst. The following short biographical notice of Dr. Spence is from the Ottawa "Citizen." "Dr. Spence was a native of Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He was educated at the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh. In 1841 he was ordained by the Presbytery of Aberfour, in his native country, as the first Presbyterian minister of St. Vincent, West Indies. His ministry there extended over more than six years. In 1848 he came, very highly recommended, to this city, where he lived and labored above eighteen years. While here he was identified with many of our public philanthropic institutions, and was ever ready to help in all good works. He made himself useful as an influential member of the committees of his Church and Synod, and of the University of Queen's College in Kingston. In recognition of his public services and of his learning, that University conferred on him the degree of Doctor in Divinity, in 1864. The twelve years that have elapsed since he left this, he has spent, in comparative retirement, at Elgin, Scotland. For more than a year he has been in an infirm state of health. He died on the 4th inst., being about seventy years of age. His memory will be long affectionately cherished by very many in this city. By his own congregation he was highly esteemed as an able preacher, and warmly loved as a friend. Very gentlemanly and unobtrusive in his manners, amiable in his disposition, and Catholic in his sentiments, he had no enemies. 'The memory of the just is precious.'"

M. GAMBETTA made a speech, a few days ago, which is regarded by the Catholic press of Paris as a declaration of war against the Church of Rome. The following are some of his words: "The Ultramontane Clerical question keeps all other questions in suspense here. In the Church it is that spirit of the past which takes refuge and gathers the strength I denounce. An ever increasing danger to society runs from Ultramontanism, the spirit of the Vatican—of the Syllabus—which is nothing but the abuse of ignorance, with the purpose of enslaving it. From a Governmental and national point of view, it is only Ultramontanism which persists in opposition to the State; the clerical spirit endeavours to filtrate into everything—into the army, into the magistracy, and there is this that is peculiar in it—it is always when the fortune of the country is falling that Jesuitism rises. Far be it from me to wish to put shackles on liberty. I am an obstinate partisan of liberty of conscience; but ministers of religion have duties to the State, and what we exact is the fulfilment of these duties. Apply the laws, all laws, and abolish indulgences; if law is applied order will be restored in France without persecution, by simply continuing the traditions which prevailed from the aurora of the revolution in 1789 till the last glimmer of revolution in 1848. They were not abandoned till in December the *mitrailleurs* and those who blessed the *mitrailleurs* combined. Privileges form half the power of these men. They live on public credulity alone. Yes, every one must be subject to the common law. Obligatory service must be made a reality. Vocations must only be allowed after the first of all vocations, that of service in the fatherland, has been fulfilled."