

ONE thousand copies a day of the new five cent Testament published by the American Bible Society were sold during the month of May.

THE venerable Dr. Hodge, of Princeton, N. J., has passed away from earth in the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

THE young Queen of Spain who was deservedly beloved and popular, has been called away in the bloom of youth and beauty, being only 18 years of age and only five months married.

THE negotiations for peace at the Berlin Congress are progressing favourably, but geographers will have to go to work immediately to make a new map of Europe.

IN the U. P. Synod the "Ferguson heresy case" has been disposed of without the Rev. Fergus Ferguson being made a Martyr of, the would be heretic having made concessions and given explanations that brought him at least, within sight of the Confession of Faith.

IN the F. C. Assembly the growing feeling against the Established Church was shown by 63 overtures from Presbyteries and Synods anent Legislation, modifying the constitution of the Established Church, and 24 anent Disestablishment having been laid upon their table; while only 16 were presented against the threatened Papal Hierarchy.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

ST. PAUL'S, E. R.—The picnic at Bridgeville, on the 27th ult., was a complete success. The day was favourable, the grounds pleasant and airy as well as tastefully and skillfully laid out, the refreshments first class, the waiters active and affable, and last, though not least, the proceeds very satisfactory, being \$350 after deducting expenses. Men and women who took an active part in the affair deserve all praise; and we congratulate them on the successful result of their praiseworthy efforts.

SALTSPRINGS.—The tea meeting which came off at Saltspings, on the 2nd inst., was a very pleasant affair. The gathering was very large, the tables tastefully and bountifully spread, and largely patronized. The oversight, in their hurry, of the committee to provide sitting accommodation, and the great heat and sultriness of the day were the only drawbacks to a very "good time." We are happy to learn that a handsome sum has been realized.

WEST BRANCH.—We are glad to learn that although the Rev. Mr. Galbraith has not yet returned to resume his duties his health is greatly improved.

WE clip the following from the *Canadian Spectator*, and recommend it to the

THE TEMPORALITIES FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The series of unhappy events which led to the formation of the Free Church in Scotland, arose from the setting up of the claim to Spiritual Independence, which differed in no respect from the claims of the Church of Rome, to decide that everything ecclesiastical was necessarily spiritual and that it was for the Church to decide in all cases. I can understand, though I cannot sympathise with, the claims of the Church of Rome. I can neither understand nor sympathise with the claims of the Free Church, which attempts to set up an ecclesiastical supremacy for itself, whilst denouncing in the most bitter and unmeasured terms the same assumptions on the part of another. This was the view taken by Sir James Graham in reference to the "Claim of Rights," which, he said, demanded that all the proceedings of the Church, whether legislative or judicial, should be beyond the cognizance of the courts of law, which should have no power to determine whether matters brought before them were within the scope of their authority, if, in the opinion of the Church these matters involved any spiritual consideration, and that neither sentences of courts nor decrees of the House of Lords