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THE Rev. F. B. Pullan, of East Orange, New Jersey, occupied the pulpit of the Hamilton church on Sunday evening.

OUR paragraph last week concerning the Rev. W. J. Cuthbertson, was intended to convey the fact that he is about to leave the church in Frome.

THE London "Times" in a leading article on the Newman Hall case, says that "Mr. Hall leaves the court without a speck, far less a stain, on his character."

WE learn that the Dr. William M. Taylor, of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, has declined all invitations to remove to London. As he has been very successful in his present sphere of work, we rejoice that he intends to remain there.

THE New Testament Revision Company, which meet in Westminster Abbey, have advanced so far in their work that they expect to publish their New Testament from the University presses early next year. Two editions will be issued: a large octavo, and a smaller and cheaper volume for general use.

WE see that a recognition service in connection with the organization of the Congregational Church in Winnipeg, was to have been held on Thursday, August 28th. Rev. Messrs. L. H. Cobb, of Minneapolis; Petton, of Glyndon; R. Mackay, of Kingston, and the pastors of the city were expected to take part.

THE London Sunday School Union has appointed October 19th and 20th as days of universal prayer for the Sunday schools of the world. The Congregational Sunday school meeting at Chataqua, New York, has also passed a resolution that the subject be taken up at the regular prayer-meetings of the churches in the fourth week of September.

THE question of the separation of Church and State is to be discussed by the French Protestant churches next month. A meeting is to be held in Paris to consider that matter. French Protestantism would gain immensely were it to stand altogether on the voluntary platform. The Established Reform Church has largely failed of efficiency because of its connection with the civil government. It may be too much to hope that it will sever that connection now; but that result must be brought to pass sooner or later.

COMMANDER MATTHEWS, U.S.N., informs the "Spirit of Missions" that in a locality within the recent famine district in China, a community has presented a large and magnificent heathen temple to what they call "The Jesus Church," and Dr. Nelson, in a letter published in the same paper, speaks of the baptism, in the same district, of 300 persons at one time by two of the London Society's missionaries, who have, besides, 1,000 candidates.

IN a recent sermon on Prayer Book Revision, delivered in Westminster Abbey, Dean Stanley said there were two modes by which that book might be improved, by giving greater freedom to the forms of worship, and by removing those things which narrow the limits of the Church and give offence to persons without its fold. The Dean suggested a number of improvements, and condemned the rule which forbade the use of the Burial Service over "the most saintly member of the Society of Friends, or the most innocent child of a Baptist."

UNDER the rule of a magistrate who regards all excursionists and Sunday pleasure-seekers as *bona fide* travellers, the city of Hamilton will not have much of a Sabbath left in a short time. Encouraged by the recent decision in favour of Sunday trains between Hamilton and Dundas, the North-western Railway Company have commenced to carry loads of Sabbath-breakers to the beach. They will not stand long there gazing at the water. Steamers will soon be at their service. Then some other step will be taken towards entire secularization, which is the not very distant goal of this movement. If, instead of the Christian Sabbath, people prefer Sunday as a holiday, then they cannot have that either. It will inevitably degenerate into a working day.

THE "N. Y. Evangelist" says, "Some people get an idea that if a young preacher is not likely to achieve success in this country, he is sent abroad to teach the heathen. The fact is the reverse. The best men are sent as missionaries. And foreign fields do not prove obscure corners where zealous men and women are buried from sight. Nay, it is probable that not a few of our honoured missionaries would never have occupied as high positions, or become as widely known, had they remained at home. 'Judson was a very remarkable man,' said one who had just read the life of this missionary. 'What a man he would have become had he remained at home!' The gentleman to whom this remark was made, replied, 'What a man he became because he did not stay in this country!' Carey might have cobbled to the day of his death, but his name is a watchword because the burden of missions to the heathen was laid on him."

THE first Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, Mich., executes the Lord's business on business principles. They have retained their present pastor, Rev. J. Morgan Smith, sixteen years. During this time, the pastor has never had occasion to inquire about salary. On the 15th of every month the amount is placed to his credit in the bank. The church has steadily increased in numbers, until it is the largest of the denomination in the State, with a membership of six hundred. The church has, during these years, also built and furnished, free from debt, a new house of worship, seating twelve hundred people. It has assisted in erecting the second church of the city, and a third building for a mission school. This summer, the church gave the pastor a three months' leave of absence, salary continued. The Sunday congregations have been fully sustained in size during the pastor's absence, and even the mid-week services have

not declined in interest or numbers during July and August.

IN Rome a movement has been originated in favour of cessation from labour on the Lord's day. The Press Association has nominated a commission to see if it is possible to prevent any newspaper from being published on that day. And Professor Chierici has given a lecture before a numerous audience, proving that the weekly day of rest is the right of all, needful alike for body and mind, for the moral interests of families and of society. Several of the Protestant Italian pastors in Rome have also been calling the attention of their people to this very important subject. It will thus be seen that while in other parts of the world efforts are being made to conserve the sanctity of the Sabbath, many in Canada are doing all they can to degrade it below the level of the other days of the week. Christian people in all the denominations must see to it that they are not successful in the attempts they are so boldly making in this direction.

THE Whitby "Chronicle" of a recent date contains a paragraph which may not be without a note of warning to readers of the INDEPENDENT living in rural districts. Here it is: "Shoddy peddlars, we are told, are now working most industriously amongst the farmers of the country—or rather, amongst the farmers' wives. They present their samples to the good lady of the house, tell a plausible story of how they can afford to sell the goods cheap, and by misrepresentation and persistence, induce a purchase. No money they say will be asked for; take the goods and if you like them you can pay for them any time; if you don't like them they need not be paid for at all. As a matter of form, however, as they say, they will take an acknowledgment. This the farmer is persuaded to give, through the influence of the wife and daughters. And, in due time, this assumes the shape of a note, sent for collection, through the bank or express office. In this way the shoddy goods are disposed of and the farmer pays two prices for a bad article, when a really good article could be obtained for one half the money from the reputable merchant in his neighbourhood."

RE-OPENING SERVICES AT BURFORD.—The Church at Burford has been undergoing a complete transformation. For some weeks it has been closed while much-needed repairs were being made. The result is that it is now one of the cheeriest and most sunshiny of our rural churches. Special services were held on Sabbath, 24th inst., in connection with the re-opening. The preachers on the occasion were the Rev. W. H. Allworth, of Paris, and R. W. Wallace, B.D., of London. Mr. Wallace preached in the morning and evening, and Mr. Allworth in the afternoon. The other churches in the village courteously gave up their own services for the day, and the result was that the congregations were overflowing all day long. The attention was everything that could be desired. On the Monday evening, a lawn party was held at the residence of Mr. Ketchie, and was a great success. Hundreds were present. The tables were full of the choicest things. Music was rendered by a brass band, and a piper. Short and racy speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Allworth, Barker, Hay, Foreman, and Wallace. The Burford cause is decidedly looking up. Lately about twenty-five persons were received into fellowship. Many of these were young disciples. Still are there more to follow. Spiritually and financially the Church is in a healthy condition, and the heart of the pastor and the people is greatly encouraged. The improvements have been fully met by the proceeds of the late services and festival.