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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is appointed to meet in Kingston, Ont., on April 24th.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Newnham, Bishop of Moosonee, is in this part of Canada, soliciting subscriptions for his diocese. He desires also to benefit, if possible, the temporal condition of the Indians within his vast diocese. They have never received treaty money or any other aid from the Government.

ACCORDING to *Church Bells* (England) the late Henry Ogdon Andrews, of Leamington, left his estate, amounting to £30,000, to the Bishop of Montreal, for charitable purposes. £10,000 of this sum is to be used in aid of the Church of England Home for Women in Montreal, and the balance of £20,000 in establishing a home, to be called St. Andrew's Home, where women and children belonging to the Church, who go out from Great Britain, will be looked after and taken care of until they are placed in good Christian homes.

WHAT could be more heartrending than the accounts given of the cold-blooded butchering of the Chinese by their Japanese conquerors, when entrapped by them and entirely at their mercy? With all the faults and horrors of civilized warfare, it could not be guilty of the massacre of helpless crowds in cold blood, continued day after day, and ceasing only when the last victim that could be found had fallen. The world now sees the spectacle of the utter want of heart which reigns supreme in man when

unchecked by the softening influences of Christianity, and the need for missionary effort among heathen people, from the standpoint of humanity alone, becomes conspicuous and convincing.

COULD not newspapers—Church newspapers especially—to take a little pains to verify "reports" regarding movements and appointments of clergymen? It is scarcely fair to publish the Rev. Mr. — or Rev. Dr. — as being the probable rector or bishop of this place or that place, when perhaps there is not the smallest foundation for it. Newspapers sometimes settle the affairs of the Church in their own way, and make their own appointments to high positions, and then it goes abroad that "it is reported" that so-and-so is to be this or that! Surely gossip of this nature ought not to creep into respectable papers. In most cases, it would be very easy indeed for the editor in charge of such matters to verify statement of this kind by applying to the clergy themselves, or to some one intimately connected with them. A newspaper would do far better service to the public if it would endeavor to correct idle rumors instead of passing them on with the convenient phrase, "it is reported, etc., etc."

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

We regret that we are not able to give, as promised, the corrected returns from Nova Scotia diocese this month, the full data for doing so not having been as yet placed before us.

THE MIDDAY PRAYER.

By reference to the Woman's Auxiliary Department, it will be seen that the ladies have adopted the noonday prayer on behalf of missions, with the motto, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." To emphasize it, they have adopted the dial of a clock with the hands indicating the midday hour. They have adopted this to be in accord with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the United States, and the Woman's Auxiliary there, and also because of their firm belief in the efficacy of prayer. It would be well if all—men, women, and children—would adopt this beautiful practice. Praying at the noon hour is frequently spoken of in Scripture, and united prayer, ascending from multitudes of believers in all parts of the earth, must and will produce a good result.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." And, besides, prayer makes people work. To work without prayer is to bring disappointment and gloom; to pray without work must produce dissatisfaction; but