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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Rev. Canon Chalmers, B.D., Incumbent of St. Andrew's, Brighton, diocese of Melbourne, has been elected Bishop of Goulburn, New South Wales, to succeed the late Bishop Mesac Thomas.

THE late Bishop of Quebec (Dr. J. W. Williams) has left personalty valued at £5,937 11s. 1d. The sole executrix of his will, which bears date October 14th, 1876, is his wife, Mrs. Anna Maria Williams.

BISHOP WALKER, of North Dakota, whose "Cathedral Car" excited so much interest, is to have another novelty—a "floating cathedral"—a church built on a barge, which is to be taken from place to place on the Missouri river and reaching many towns which have no railroad.

It is said that the C.M.S. have determined to recommend the appointment of a white man to succeed the late Bishop Crowther in Africa, on the grounds that no suitable native can be found for the position. This does not speak much for the missionary work so far done among the natives. If there are men suitable to be priests and deacons, surely a bishop from amongst them might be found also. Many will regard this as a retrograde step in true missionary work.

THERE are ten dioceses in the Province of South Africa, viz., Capetown, Grahamstown, St. Helena, Bloemfontein, Maritzburgh, Zululand, St. Johns (Kafaria), Pretoria, Mashonaland and Lebombo. The last named is in process of formation, the necessary sum for its endowment having been raised. In these dioceses

there are upwards of two hundred clergymen, nine of whom are natives and three from India. Among them there are three Deans, eight Archdeacons and twenty-four Canons.

DR. KARL LUMBHOLTZ, who has recently returned from a four years' trip of exploration into the heart of Australia, describes the natives of that country as a most degraded and worthless people. The white settlers often shoot them down as they would wild beasts. It is often said in Northern Queensland that the only right way of treating the natives is to kill them! The attempts to Christianize them have not been a success. They are doomed to certain extinction like the Tasmanians, who for twenty years have disappeared from the face of the earth

In several Irish towns there are Wesleyan (Primitive) Methodists who still hold to John Wesley's own usages and attend the parish church for sacramental purposes, holding their meetings at an hour different from church time. At the annual conference recently held in Maguiresbridge, their opening service with the celebration of the Holy Communion was held in the parish church. This clinging to primitive usage must be irksome to the great body of Methodists who have set up a "church" of their own.

At the thirty-first anniversary of the Universities Mission in Central Africa, held in England last June, it was a most touching sight to see Bishop Smythies and Selwyn, who were both crippled through over-work in their respective missionary dioceses. Bishop Selwyn had to lean upon a crutch as he spoke, while everyone was startled and shocked by the evident bodily weakness of Bishop Smythies. The latter has walked hundreds of miles through the jungles and under the hot sun of Africa. He appeals for a division of his diocese in Central Africa, and surely his appeal will not be in vain.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society is certainly a great missionary agency. It has lately added nine languages to its list of editions of the Holy Scriptures, one each for China, the New Hebrides and the West Indies, two for the Russian Empire and four for Africa. In some cases this work means not only translation but the actual creation of the language, as far as writing and grammar are concerned, in which the sacred words are to appear. The Bible thus forms an admirable standard of language in all parts of the world. In this sense alone missionary work is of untold value. To it the world owes an immensity.

CENTENNIALS are now the order of the day in Canada. Five years ago Halifax celebrated the centennial of its episcopate, which was also the