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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE *London Times* says that the evangelization of New Zealand is now an accomplished fact. Here is a country as large as England evangelized in our own day.

A NEW diocese, to be known as Mashonaland, has been established in Africa through the liberality of an Irish lady. It will embrace a portion of country entirely heathen.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury took a leading part in the late meeting of the Bible Society—a Society which is largely under Church influence, and is decidedly missionary in its work.

THE famous Boston preacher, Dr. Phillips Brooks, has been elected Bishop of Massachusetts. Before consecration his election will have to be sustained by a majority of the Dioceses throughout the United States through their Standing Committees.

WE hope next issue to give some account of the annual meetings of the various Diocesan Woman's Auxiliaries. The Kingston Branch recently held their meeting and showed much successful work. Mr. R. V. Rogers addressed the ladies and congratulated them on the success of their work.

THE Dioceses of Toronto and Montreal have each received much aid for their Mission Funds, the former through the bequest of the late Archdeacon Wilson, the latter through that of

the late Mr. Shelton. When may the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society hope for similar recognition at the hands of her wealthy sons and daughters?

FEW sadder things have occurred in the Church of England for many a long day than the recent death of Archbishop Magee. Only last Christmas the Archbishop of York, Dr. Thomson, died and an excellent choice was made in the appointment of Dr. Magee, then Bishop of Peterborough, as his successor; but in one brief month after his enthronement in Yorkminster he was removed by the hand of death, the briefest occupancy of the exalted position on record. The next shortest was that of Robert Waldby, who became Archbishop in 1397 and died the following year. Universal regret is felt over the death of the eloquent and learned Archbishop.

WE are glad to note that the Rev. R. G. Fowell, M.A., late Principal of Huron College, is Association Secretary, South Western District Colonial and Continental Church Society. At the forty-eighth meeting of Bristol and Clifton Auxiliary of that Society, lately held in London, Mr. Fowell read the Annual Report, from which we cull the following words:—"We can see across the Atlantic a great Church growing up in British North America, which we have helped to found; a Church with 650,000 members, officered by 1,200 clergy and 20 bishops. It is obvious that this great and growing body is instinct with life and energy. If a missionary spirit is a sure criterion of a living Church, that spirit is increasingly exhibited by the Church of England in Canada. No one can read the excellent magazine published every month at Toronto, and called THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS, without being conscious of much spiritual force being developed by that agency, of a very fervent love and longing for perishing souls. The same may be said of the present condition of the Australian Church, and that which is true of these colonies is true of all. As long, therefore, as the need remains for a helping hand to be extended from England to these new and struggling communities, so long will the duty rest upon our shoulders of maintaining and increasing the efficiency of this Society.

FREE SEATS—A CURIOUS LETTER.

IN these days when pew rents in the House of God are being gradually yet surely set aside as unworthy of the great Christian cause, it is curious to note how strong the feeling seems to have been against them at the beginning of the present century. In another