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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE mission of Sandy Lake, diocese of Saskatchewan, has been placed under the charge of Mr. James Taylor, who has been an active lay worker in Prince Albert. As he begins with a knowledge of the language, there is every promise of his doing excellent work.

THE Ven. Archdeacon Tims is now in Ontario, where he will spend some months before entering upon fresh work. The disturbance of his work at the Blackfoot Indian Homes has been a great disappointment, but will doubtless prove to be a blessing in the end.

PYRAMID mission boxes for collecting children's missionary offerings will be sent free on application to Rev. Dr. Mockridge, 56 St. Alban street, Toronto, provided the offerings be made for Indian homes in Algoma or the Northwest, or for any "domestic" or foreign missionary object.

THE Sioux mission, diocese of Rupert's Land, has been placed under the care of Rev. W. Robertson, *vice* Mr. G. Hartland. While living at the mission he will continue in charge of the English work at Alexander. Mr. Clement Taylor will assist Mr. Robertson as schoolmaster and catechist.

THE forces of Christianity are very unequally distributed. It is said that there is one Christian pastor for every 900 people in Great Britain, for every 800 in the United States, for

every 200,000 in Japan, for every 250,000 in Africa, for every 300,000 in India, for every 400,000 in South America, and for every 700,000 in China. In the face of these figures, which are given on the authority of *The Missionary Review of the World*, a redistribution of the Christian ministry might seem to be worth consideration.

THE unfortunate Armenians, being still slaughtered right and left, must wonder why among the millions of Christian people throughout the world no one steps in to help them. The sword of the Kurd is still bloody; the Sultan of Turkey knows no pity; Mohammedans still mow Christians down, and Christian powers seem not to care. Some great result, at present unforeseen, may follow from these horrors, but ordinary people cannot help wondering why the Christian world allows them to continue.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1895.—ERRATA.—On page 28 of the Annual Report the totals for Quebec diocese should be \$1,967.64 (domestic), \$1,546.26 (foreign), \$158.44 (Jews), \$3,672.34 (total), instead of those published. The printer inserted the totals of the last page of returns sent by the diocesan officer, overlooking the sum of the pages written on the back of it. The name of Rev. G. B. Morley should have appeared opposite the parish of Tullamore, diocese of Toronto. In Nova Scotia the children of North Sydney (Rev. C. G. Abbott) contributed \$16.04 to Indian missions, which was not included in the returns sent us from Nova Scotia.

CHINA, Japan, Corea, Formosa, are words well known through the late war in the east. On the whole, the war has been somewhat favourable to the work of Christian missionaries. China has been badly shaken, and her old exclusiveness somewhat disturbed. This may open up a new opportunity for Christian workers. Japan feels her national importance, and the native Christians are pressing all the more for a church entirely their own, without "foreign" rule or interference. This is regarded with anxiety by many thoughtful missionaries, who think that the time has not yet come for the infant church—still a very little one—to walk alone. In Corea the staff of missionaries is small, but they see signs of improvement in their work, and are longing and praying for reinforcements. People formerly indifferent are now willing, and even eager, to hear the Gospel. Formosa, having recovered from the unrest caused by the disposition made of it in the war, is resuming its march towards Christianity. The whole island gives strong indications of soon becoming a Christian land.