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An announcement was made by the Very Rev. Dr. Hoffman that the Upper House had consented to the formation of a new missionary district in Japan, which should be known as the Diocese of Kyoto, and nominating as its first bishop the Rev. J. M. Francis. The recommendation was referred to a special committee to report upon.

The resolution of the committee on amendments to the Constitution was adopted by a vote of dioceses and orders, there being no vote in the negative.

A number of other resolutions were adopted, amongst others a resolution of Dr. Parks, of Massachusetts, directing the committee on the Hymnal to print in future editions of the book the hymn known as "America." The Rev. P. T. Rowe was unanimously elected to the missionary bishopric of Alaska in compliance with the nomination received from the Upper House, and it was further agreed, after some discussion, also in compliance with the wishes of the members of the Upper House, that a missionary diocese of Duluth should be erected out of the Diocese of Minnesota. A number of messages were received from the Upper House, and were read, one of them, No. 72, non concurring in the resolution for setting forth at this time a form of prayer for the Fourth of July. The ground of non-concurrence was that, at the present time each bishop had the privilege and right to set forth a form of his own.

The remainder of the afternoon was taken up in discussing a resolution of Judge Prince, relative to the uniform printing, in the American Book of Common Prayer, of the human name of Our Lord, i.e., the name Jesus. In the evening, another meeting of the Board of Missions was held in Gethsemane Church, the Lord Bishop of Albany presiding. A resolution, presented by Dr. Lanford, appointing a committee of three bishops, three priests and three laymen, to consider means for assisting disabled clergy, and supporting the families of those missionaries who had died in the foreign field, was unanimously passed. Bishop Peterkin read the report of the American Missionary Society, which was of a very encouraging nature. The Lord Bishop of Kentucky, chairman of the Board of Managers, presented a lengthy report. Thanks, he said, were due to God, that the year was ended without debt. For the year ended September 1st, 1893, \$358,246 had been contributed for missions; in the following year \$370,174, and for 1896, \$443,813. There had been a steady increase in the number of parishes which had contributed to mission work last year, there being no less than 3,506 such parishes and missions. Much interest was evinced in the project of erecting a school for the negro population, the Bishop of Florida made a strong bid for it to be erected in his jurisdiction, and declaring that there were 150 acres of land which could be given for that purpose in his diocese. A resolution was carried authorizing a map to be obtained showing the missionary jurisdictions of the Board, the same to be used in the Convention, also a motion that charts be obtained for use in the Sunday-schools, showing the missionary fields. Another motion was carried that the Board of Managers be requested to appropriate \$70,000 for work amongst the negro population during the next three years.

The Board, after transacting a little further business, adjourned.

At the opening of the morning session on Saturday, October 19th, the chairman of the Lower House announced the names of those who would compose a number of committees dealing with various matters of importance. Several committees reported, and their reports were discussed and adopted.

An interesting discussion then arose upon the report of the committee dealing with the consecration of bishops to whom the question of establishing a new diocese in Japan, with its headquarters at Kyoto. This had been recommended in a message sent by the members of the Upper House, who had further recommended that the Rev. J. M. Francis, a priest of the missionary diocese of Tokyo, Japan, be appointed thereto as its first bishop. After a full discussion both recommendations were negatived by a vote of 37 for to 52 against.

A number of further messages were received from the House of Bishops which referred to matters which had already been discussed in the Lower House. In one of them, message 84, the bishops dissented from the members of the Lower House who had asked for the insertion in the Church Hymnal of the hymn, "My Country, 'tis of Thee." The reasons assigned were expense and inconvenience.

The House then adjourned.

(To be continued.)

—The meaning, the value, the truths of life, can be gained only by an actual performance of its duties; and it is a denial that truth can be learned and the soul saved in any other way.

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.—The harvest festivals in the three churches of this parish, and in the little chapel on Bambarti Island, passed off in a very satisfactory manner. The churches were all beautifully decorated, the number of communicants large, and the offerings very liberal; the largest collection given being that of St. David's, Wales, namely, over \$130. Christ Church, Moulinette, has been further improved at the cost of \$70, and funds have been contributed for providing brass bracket lamps for the sanctuary. The scholars of St. David's Sunday-school have presented a very handsome polished brass font ewer to St. David's, and the rector solemnly offered and dedicated it at a children's Catechetical Service on Sunday, October 27th. The Wales W.A. are continuing their good work with undiminished zeal. They have just sent a bale, value \$89 62, to the Rev. J. Sanders, Bircotasing, together with \$10 in cash; and also a bale, value \$33, to the Piegian Mission Home, where they are supporting an Indian Boy. These bales included a number of quilts made by some of the young girls and others in the Moulinette part of the parish. We are happy to say that the missionary spirit of our people, young and old, is on the increase.

KINGSTON.—A somewhat scandalous neglect of duty has agitated Kingston. A funeral was to take place on the day of the unveiling of the Sir John A. Macdonald statue, and was inadvertently set for the same hour. Four Methodist ministers, two Presbyterian students and a priest of the Church pleaded prior engagements, and the service was ultimately read by the undertaker. All of those who declined to serve were seen at the unveiling of the statue.

The semi-annual meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Frontenac took place on November 6th and 7th. At the opening service an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. K. Macmorine, who pointed out that the apparent failure of the means of grace in many cases was only part of the imperfection which is universal in this world since the beginning of sin. He quoted a remarkable sentence of Paul Bourget's, to the effect that he looked on Christianity much as Pasteur looked upon his inoculation against hydrophobia. The manner of action could not be understood, but as a matter of experience it was found that the inoculation gave a certain immunity from the disease. Similarly, said Bourget, I find that faithful Christians are, to a great extent, protected from the contagion of moral evils.

A Church pervert to Presbyterianism made a vicious attack upon St. George's Cathedral, re the matter of the hospital collections in 1894, in the columns of the *Daily News*. He was replied to by several Churchmen, one of whom complains that the hospital report does not always acknowledge gifts received, and applies to the English Church a nickname to which it is well known they object. General disgust has been expressed at the attack, and several persons have withheld contributions in consequence.

KINGSTON.—On Thursday morning the ruri-decanal chapter of Frontenac met for business at 10.30 a.m. The Rev. Rural Dean Carey reported that on the whole the work of the deanery was progressing satisfactorily. The needs of one or two weak spots were fully discussed and it was determined to ask the mission board to seek the Archbishop's sanction for the appointment of a travelling missionary to work the district lying between the missions of Loughboro, Sharbot Lake and Flinton. After reports of the various parishes had been made by the incumbents thereof, the Rev. H. Blacklock read a paper on "The Ideal Sunday School." One very useful point recommended was the keeping of a "continuation register" containing the names of those who left the school with a space for their after history. He had known this to be of the greatest service. Punctuality of teachers was an essential, and also what the reader called the circular plan of instruction, all the lessons being given by the clergyman to the teachers, and by them to their classes and so back to the clergyman as catechist. In the discussion which followed many practical difficulties especially in country schools were spoken of, such as the scarcity of teachers, difficulty of securing attendance of children living far from the church, etc. The Rev. G. Beamish spoke in warmest admiration of the work done at All Saints' through the Children's Mission. The catechizing had done excellent work and he had noticed that the All Saints' children who were instructed every Sunday on this plan answered well, while others were unable to do as much. The consensus of opinion was that catechizing after the second lesson at every service

would be the best means of teaching both children and parents who were scarcely less interested than the children in such instruction. The Rev. R. W. Rayson said that the average attendance of children at the Mission Catechism had been over 100, and 65 had attended every day for 10 days from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. in spite of the days' school work. Several of the country clergy promised to endeavour to start regular religious instruction once a week in the public schools of their districts if the trustees would sanction the reduction of ordinary school work on those days as permitted by law. The spread of Christian Science was next discussed and instances of supposed cures which had proved to be only temporary were cited by nearly all present. No genuine case of cure could be discovered. Those who were influenced were mostly chronic cases who after a while became disgusted and either lost all faith or returned to the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Lipton, of Wolfe Island, has built two spires on the same church within a year. The first was demolished by the storm in September last. He was referred to at the chapter meeting as a most aspiring priest.

BELLEVILLE.—The Rev. L. Smith, late curate of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, is now curate of St. Thomas' here.

### TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Matthew's branch of the W. A. has organized for the winter season. At the first meeting, just held in De Grassi street school room, there was a very large attendance of ladies. Mrs. Summerhayes was elected president for the year, Mrs. Booth, vice-president; Mrs. Vick, treasurer; and Mrs. Shore, secretary.

St. Matthias.—Owing to the continued illness of the rector the Rev. R. Harrison, he has made temporary arrangements with the Rev. Wm. Carter, from the West Indies, who is here on a visit to his parents.

Investment Committee, Synod Office, 3rd October, 1895.—REV. and DEAR SIR.—Enclosed I hand you an appeal for assistance towards the Episcopal Endowment Fund on which the Bishop is dependent for his annual income. This income, as you will see is now reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,289.80, and the Committee appeal to all Church members to provide the capital which will enable them to fulfil the Church's obligations to its Diocesan. Will you kindly take steps to have your parish canvassed through your Lay organization or otherwise, and so give all an opportunity of joining in this good and most necessary work. There is no limit to the amount of the subscription, the desire of the Committee being to enlist every member of the Church in the cause. Should any subscribers desire to postpone payment for a time, a column is provided in the subscription list in which the date of payment can be entered, but this should not extend beyond 1st of May next, except in the case of large subscriptions, when the amount can be spread over three years. The Committee would urgently request that the list of subscribers and the amount collected may be forwarded to Mr. Kemp, at the Synod Office, not later than 1st December next. Trusting to your active sympathy and cordial co-operation. I am, yours faithfully, (for the Committee).

A. H. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Rural Deanery of Toronto.—Opening service and preliminary meeting of this Deanery, were held in St. Philip's Church on Monday, Oct. 28th. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., the Lord Bishop being celebrant. A devotional address was given by the Rural Dean on the text, Hebrews iii. 1 and 2. About 30 clergy were present. After the service the members of the Deanery adjourned to the lecture hall, where breakfast was partaken of, after which a meeting to arrange the programme for the season's work was held in the committee room. The Lord Bishop opened the proceedings and addressed a few words of counsel to those present, after which the Rural Dean introduced the Rev. A. W. McNab, who spoke on the present position and prospects of St. Alban's Cathedral, urging all present to assist him in his efforts to relieve the present distress. The consideration of the programme was then taken up, and it was passed in the following form: Monday, November 18th.—The Place of Amusement in the Christian Life. Monday, December 2nd.—1. Report of a committee to discuss the holding of a mission by the Rev. Hay Aitkin, 2. Report of Committee on "Marriage Law of Ontario. Monday, January 13, 1896.—The raised standard of Holy Orders and Divinity degrees. Monday, January 20th.—The Götterburg System. Monday, February 3rd.—1. Lay Helpers' Associations, Mr. H. H. Dymond, 2. Church Clubs