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THROUGH an error of proof reading, the birth-place of the late Bishop of Saskatchewan was incorrectly stated in our last issue. The good bishop was born in Portsoy, Banffshire. Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, of Orillia, Ont., who knows the place, has kindly called our attention to this.

We are glad to acknowledge an extended complimentary notice of OUR MISSION NEWS in *Church Work and Mission Life* (England). Our subscription list already includes several persons in England, and our friends will be glad to know that the magazine is rapidly growing in favor, and that large numbers of subscribers, from all parts of Canada, are being added to our list every month.

A CONSIDERABLE portion of our space is devoted this month to Foreign Missions and to Woman's Auxiliaries. We call special attention to the admirable words of Archdeacon Farrar (p. 162) on Foreign Missions. A nobler defence of Foreign Missions and appeal for them could not well be given. Our society appeals for this foreign work to the loyal sons of the Canadian Church at the Epiphany season; and therefore this issue may be said to be our foreign mission number, and it is hoped that the earnest appeal set forth by the Board of Management, will elicit a warm response in aid of the great work of evangelizing the world. And in the furtherance of this work it is gratifying to welcome such powerful adjuncts as the Woman's Auxiliaries, which it will be seen are springing up everywhere throughout the Dominion.

DOMESTIC and foreign missions are now being put in the forefront of Church work in Canada. Were it not so, we should have had our fears for a church which could receive and never desire to impart. As it is, the vigour of youth may animate Canada to an earnestness in missionary endeavour, which will increase immensely its own spiritual vitality, and perhaps stir to jealousy other Churches.
—*Mission Field*, S. P. G.

THE Executive Committee of Rupert's Land have paid a warm tribute to the late John McLean, first bishop of Saskatchewan. He is spoken of as one of a constantly diminishing number whose experience antedated the transfer of the Hudson's Bay Territories to the rule and dominion of Canada; and as one of a deeply sympathizing nature, ever ready to enter very fully into the feelings of others. No bishop has ever been more firmly wedded to his see; none has entertained higher hopes for its development; none could have been more lavish of time and thought and strength. He gave himself unreservedly to his work; he has died in the midst of it and lies buried where he fell.

THE LAST OF BISHOP HANNINGTON.

THE *Church Missionary Gleaner* gives a fac-simile of the rough sketch made by Bishop Hannington of his prison, that place of suffering from which he, a high-souled Christian gentleman, was dragged to a bloody death; and also of a page of his diary torn from his note book. The last entry is this:—

"October 29th, (Thursday). Eighth day's prison. I can hear no news but was held up by Psalm 30, which came with great power. A hyena howled near me last night, smelling a sick man, but I hope it is not to have me yet." And this was the last. No doubt a short time after these pathetic words were written the noble soul had gone to its God. But, praised be God, the work still goes on. Already his successor is on his way to fill the sad vacancy. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

THE First Report of the Woman's Auxiliary is a neatly printed pamphlet of some 31 pages and gives an interesting history of the rise and progress of the Society, together with its constitution, aims and expectations, and some account of the General Meeting in Montreal, and of the formation of Diocesan branches. It is a useful book for women of the church to possess.

MRS. GREAVES, the Secretary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, delivered about seventy-five lectures in different parts of Canada, all of which were well patronized and warmly received. She is now in the United States where also she hopes to deliver a few lectures.

OUR sister Church in the United States has five hospitals built entirely by herself, but open to help all sufferers, of whatever nationality or creed. This is the true catholic spirit.

THE two great missionary societies of England, the S. P. G. and the C. M. S., are putting forth simultaneous efforts to arouse the city of London to a deeper sympathy in the work of foreign missions.