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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE meeting of the Board of Management of the D. & F.M.S. has been postponed from the 8th of October to the 11th of November, the time appointed for the special meeting of the Provincial Synod, summoned at that date to elect a Bishop for the missionary diocese of Algoma.

In response to the urgent appeal of Bishop Sullivan regarding the deficiency in the mission fund of Algoma, an anonymous contributor sent from England the handsome gift of £500. A few more such gifts would relieve Algoma from all its present financial difficulties. The Bishop appealed for \$6,000. There now remains a little over \$3,500 to be obtained.

WE congratulate our sister society in the United States upon its financial success. For some time past it has been obliged to borrow money to pay the missionaries depending upon it, and has been dreading a serious deficiency. But gifts have poured in from all parts of the great country to such an extent as to enable all obligations to be met and the deficiency to be avoided. A single gift of three thousand dollars was sent the society to begin the work of the new year. Our own Board would be somewhat surprised at a single gift of three thousand dollars!

THE recommendation of the General Synod to extend the D. & F.M.S., so as to embrace the whole Dominion, is only what might be

expected. If the General Synod is ever to be of any practical use, that use must surely show itself at an early date in connection with the missionary work of the Canadian Church. The chief reason urged by the English societies for their intention gradually to withdraw their grants from missions in the Dominion is that the Church of England in Canada is now one consolidated Church from ocean to ocean, and ought to be able to support her own missions. We confess we do not see how that is likely to cause any increase in the missionary contributions of the east to help the spiritual destitution of the west. Still, if such an effect is ever to be produced, it must be done by the General Synod. The present Board of Management of the eastern province extended so as to embrace the dioceses of the far west would doubtless produce in time a better state of things and bring the needs of the west more prominently before the people of the east, and, therefore, is a consummation devoutly to be wished. We are pleased to see that the scheme adopted by the General Synod admits the principle of at least one paid officer, who shall be a sort of head centre and rallying point for all missionary designs and efforts. Without such an officer no efficient missionary work can ever be done. Such, at least, has been the experience of all religious bodies.

RESIGNATION OF BISHOP SULLIVAN.

The diocese of Algoma is once more without a bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Sullivan having definitely resigned in order to accept the rectory of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The frequent attacks of illness which, for a few years past, have interfered with His Lordship's work render it, in his own judgment, advisable that he should retire to the more quiet and regular life of a city rector, and leave the heavy work and great anxieties connected with the diocese of Algoma to other hands. For fourteen years Bishop Sullivan has faithfully done the work of a missionary bishop. When he was younger and stronger than he is now and felt quite capable of wrestling with his work, not even the proffered bishopric of Huron could tempt him from it. "Duty to Algoma" led him then to decline the high honor, but now "duty to Algoma" (for we feel assured that this weighed with him in the acceptance of the rectory of St. James') has caused him to retire from the work. By his eloquent pleadings and powerful influence he has raised large sums of money for Algoma, which will be of lasting use to it in its missionary work. It now has several permanent diocesan endowments which it did not possess fourteen years ago, and a good foundation has been laid for future aggressive work in its midst.