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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Board of Management will meet in Quebec on Wednesday, October 10th.

Two great pagan nations, China and Japan, are at war, disputing over the suzerainty of Corea. What the effect of this will be upon Christian missions in the three kingdoms named remains to be seen.

KING'S COLLEGE, Nova Scotia, is in financial difficulty. The Rev. Dr. Willets, the President, has surrendered one-tenth of his income for the present year, to be applied to the relief of the college. Four others of the professors have done the same. Dr. Willets has also offered to perform the duties of bursar, thus saving \$300 a year.

The Synod of the diocese of Calgary, which assembled on July 19th, seems to have been of a hopeful character. The Bishop spoke of the progress made during the previous year in encouraging terms. Fifteen licensed clergymen and several lay readers were now in charge of the work, and many new districts were about to be opened. Steps were taken towards procuring a see house, which in itself would be an endowment, as the Bishop now pays \$700 a year house rent. The Bishop spoke also in high terms of the work that was being done among the Indians, especially among the children, who are being taught the blessings of Christianity and civilization.

THERE are no people in the world whose religious prejudices and pride are so hard to overcome as those of Mohammedans. It requires long and continued patience to lead them, in ever so small numbers, to Christ. Though the old cry of "death to the apostate"

cannot always be enforced by them, yet to leave them means so much harm, and loss, and distress that but few have courage sufficient to take the step. Yet Christian missionaries do not despair. In Zanzibar (Africa), for instance, a mission has been opened in the part of it occupied by Arabs and Swahilis, in the centre of a maze of native huts and within easy reach of a broad and busy thoroughfare. The missionaries have selected their house in a secluded place, so that Nicodemus-like inquirers (of whom there are many) may consult them without unnecessary publicity.

THE PROSPECTS OF ALGOMA.

A well-known clergyman of the diocese of Algoma has assured us that the statements recently made regarding the dark prospects of Algoma, as to its future progress, are, to some extent, misleading. The territory comprised by the diocese, he tells us, has much promise of prosperity, and even wealth, for many years to come, and there is no reason why many of the present towns and villages should not become, in time, large and important places. It is true that there are acres and acres of most unpromising territory, as far as agricultural purposes are concerned, yet, in the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, and in other parts of the diocese, there are places where farming is carried on most successfully, and fields as fine as any in Ontario are to be found. The fact is that brighter days are already beginning to appear for this much-abused territory. Growth is visible nearly everywhere, and there are several places which must become towns of some size in time, and, as to the country at large, it is a mistake to suppose that it will die with the pine. The products of the forest are fast coming into the market. Birch, maple, beech, and basswood, for lumber; cedar, for telegraph; spruce and balsam for pulpwood; tamarack for various purposes, and a large quantity of hemlock bark for tanning. The supply of these is inexhaustible, comparative y speaking, and will last for years and years to come. Attention is being given to stock raising, and probably there is no part of Ontario better adapted for sheep farming. Creameries and tanneries are starting up, and furniture factories are spoken of. Growth is only a matter of time. It must come in the near future.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.*

There is, indeed, much to encourage us in the present missionary outlook. If we simply look

* From an excellent sermon recently preached to the members of the Synod of Huron in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont., by Rev. Herbert G. Miller, M. A., Principal of Huron College—from the words, "Some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." —1. Cor. xv. 34.