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ENCOURAGING.

WE are glad to announce that the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Fredericton, N. B. has formally endorsed OUR MISSION NEWS, and has issued a circular signed by the Secretary, the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, commending it to the members of the Church in that Diocese. The circular sets forth that "the magazine is admirable in matter and style, and forms a valuable addition to our missionary literature, and trusts that it will have a large circulation in the Diocese, and prove a great stimulus in missionary work."

THE Ladies' Missionary Society in London, Diocese of Huron, has also, we are glad to say, endorsed the magazine, and are taking measures to procure for it, if possible, a wide circulation in that city. Mrs. Tilley is now working actively for it.

WE continue to receive most flattering letters as to the style and matter of our periodical, and our endeavor shall always be to keep it so that it will be worthy of the good opinions so lavishly expressed regarding it.

NEW MAGAZINE.—We have on our table a very interesting missionary magazine entitled "OUR MISSION NEWS," published under the authority of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. It is a monthly and is intended to be the regular organ of the Anglican Church in the Dominion. The style and general get up of the paper is excellent. It is neat and well printed, while the matter embraces articles on missionary intelligence from all parts of the country. We notice several wood cuts, for example the first bishop to the United States, Bishop Seabury; Bishop Inglis, the first colonial bishop, the late Bishop Mountain of Quebec, with many views of mission stations, &c. We heartily commend the magazine to all persons interested in mission work. Orders may be left at Miss Wood's depository, St. John street. Price one dollar per annum.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

THE portrait of the first Bishop of Newfoundland, found on the first page of this issue, was furnished us through the kindness of Mrs. Campbell, of Jamaica, West Indies, who is a daughter of the late worthy prelate.

THE U. S. GENERAL CONVENTION.

THE attention of the Church public has been called lately to the name by which our sister Church is known in the United States, on account of the vote lately taken in the House of Deputies of the General Convention, on a motion to drop the words "Protestant Episcopal" from its title, and of the able and exhaustive debate which preceded it. There is a strong and growing dislike to the present title of the church, and though the vote on the occasion alluded to sustained it, it is clear that, in time, it is doomed to disappear. It is a pity that such a name was ever given to it, for it is not in accordance with ecclesiastical history to give any name whatever to the church, except that of the city or country in which it existed. We read of the Church in Corinth and the Church of Alexandria, and the Church in other places, but nothing beyond that. It is a heritage which has belonged to the historic Church of Christ, and our brethren across the line have a clear right to be called the "Church in the United States." Before the Revolution she was a branch of the Church of England. When the United States became independent, she clearly became by right of succession, which she secured from the mother church, the Church in the United States of America, and so she should be called to-day. To change her present name to that of the "Catholic Church," or "American Catholic Church," would be a pity. The word catholic is so closely connected with Romanism, that as a title it would be to say the least, confusing. Nor is there any necessity to use it. The Church of England is a grander title than the Catholic Church of England would be. It is well to express our belief in the Catholic or Universal Church of Christ, as we do in the creeds, but for the title of the Church in any particular country, the true, primitive and most comprehensive term is simply "The Church" in that country, and to that title our brethren in the United States have a clear right by inheritance and it is to be hoped that some day they will claim it.

THE House of Deputies of the General Convention of our sister Church in the United States is certainly a splendid body of men. Though there are between six and seven hundred delegates, there is not the slightest confusion or disorder. This is largely owing to the admirable ruling power possessed by their president, Rev. Dr. Dix, who may be said to be, in every respect, a model chairman. The speaking power of the House is good, and