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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Very Rev. Dean Partridge has gone to Bermuda for his health.

REV. W. J. ANCIENT has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in succession to the late Rev. J. O. Ruggles.

BISHOP BICKERSTETH, of Japan, has gone home to England. It is expected that he will not return to his diocese till next spring.

WITH this number we commence Volume X of our periodical. We wish our readers a Happy New Year. May both they and ourselves prosper in the good work we have in hand!

THE Rev. Canon DuMoulin, of Toronto, has done good service by his vigorous speaking and personal influence towards preventing, if possible, the establishment of professional horse-racing and systematic gambling in Canada.

It is a welcome sign of the times that our Church papers are now having a great deal to say about missionary work. Agitation is needed on this subject, and every effort to arouse missionary spirit should be put forth.

The Canadian Churchman has issued a handsome Christmas number, containing several fine illustrations, among them a portrait of the new Bishop of Westminster, the counterpart of which, by a mere coincidence, we present this month to our readers.

THE fourth Lambeth Conference, or "Pan-Anglican Synod," will be held in 1897. The first was held in 1867, the second and third in 1878 and 1888. That of 1897 will be of peculiar interest, as it will mark the thirteenth century since the coming of St. Augustine.

THE Annual Report of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, just received, contains the anniversary sermon preached on Sunday, April 28th, 1895, by the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma. It is an able setting-forth of the claims that missionary work has upon the sons and daughters of the Church.

MISS JENNIE C. SMITH expected to leave Kobe for Nagano on the 16th of November. Rev. J. G. Waller went to Kobe to assist her in her moving. They were to take steamer from Kobe to Yokohama, a distance of three hundred and fifty miles. From there a journey of one hundred and fifty miles by railway would convey them to Nagano.

IN distant Armenia over a hundred thousand people are homeless and starving, and, worse still, mourning the cruel murder of nearly as many of their loved ones. It seems terrible that such a fate has overtaken them, and for no other crime, apparently, than that they refused to submit to Mohammedan dictation. A worse ruler than the Sultan of Turkey could not well be found, and it seems high time that Europe should insist upon a better government, especially when the lives and interests of so many Christians are involved.

The message of President Cleveland, threatening war over an affair that was of no immediate concern to him or the United States, was a bad preparation for Christmas, and came as a discordant note to spoil the music of the Nativity Festival, which always rings forth the lovely words, "On earth peace, goodwill towards men." Nothing could be more ill-timed than such a message. Surely the prayers of Christendom will be stronger than the would-be-disturber of national peace, who seems to allow no thought of Christianity to check him in his designs of bloodshed and ruin. Make strong the prayers for, "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men," and the God of peace and concord will hearken and frustrate all bad designs.

THE Dominion Government has recently set apart the unorganized and unnamed portion of Canada into provisional districts. The territory east of Hudson's Bay, having the Province of Quebec on the south and the Atlantic on the east, is to be hereafter known as Ungava. The territory embraced in the islands of the