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NOTES.

 WING to the large amount of official matter which we publish in this number in connection with the triennial Report and work of our Society, we are obliged to hold over several useful articles for our next number (among them the continuation of Mrs. Houghton's interesting paper on missionary work in East Equatorial Africa) and to omit the "Young People's Department" and Clerical Directory.

WE ARE GLAD to state that our circulation is rapidly increasing, and assurance reaches us nearly every day that OUR MISSION NEWS is a credit to the Church of England in Canada. Indeed our effort has come in for a share of commendation surpassing expectation. Kindly notices have appeared in *The Mission Field*, *Church Bells* (England), the *Missionary Review* (U. S.), and other journals. The *Orillia Packet* says:

A bright, attractive monthly is OUR MISSION NEWS, and so far as we have read it is loyal to the mission work of the Church of England in Canada, and patriotic in its teachings. It is by such work that the true stability of the empire is promoted, and we heartily wish all such publications Godspeed.

From numerous letters of encouragement we select the following, written by a clergyman of the Diocese of Quebec:—"I never remitted money with greater pleasure than in this case. I wish you every success. I am delighted with the three numbers I have received. You are giving us many times the value of your subscription price."

OUR MISSION NEWS has been heartily endorsed by the members of the General Mission Board. Its object is to serve as faithfully as possible the interests of the Church in her greatest and noblest work. Will the clergy all help us in what, with their support among their people, might be made a publication that all would be glad to welcome to their homes?

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

It does not lie within our province to give a detailed account of the late Synod of this Ecclesiastical Province held last month in Montreal, but only to mention such things as come within the scope of an advocate of missions. We may be permitted, however, to congratulate the Rev. John Langtry on his appointment as Prolocutor, and the Synod also upon the worthy choice they have made in selecting him as their presiding officer.

It was grateful to notice the spirit of forbearance and conciliation which pervaded the discussion. Although there were burning questions on the notice paper, there was an evident desire on both sides for a peaceful settlement of all; a result which was happily attained.

The Missionary Meeting was one of the finest ever held in Canada. St. George's Hall was crowded with attentive listeners. The addresses were all that could be desired. First came Canon Cooper, representing the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (England); then came Rev. E. F. Wilson, on behalf of the great work of educating pagan children in regular schools established for the purpose. His two little Indian boys, presented to the audience, caused much interest and sympathy in Mr. Wilson's brave and laudable work; next spoke our missionary Bishop, Dr. Sullivan, always warm-hearted and eloquent, but never more so than on this occasion, representing our own Domestic Missions; after him the Rev. Dr. Langford, of New York, commanded strict attention, speaking as he did as the representative of our sister Church in the States, and Secretary of the Missionary Society on which our own was modeled. And last came, as marking the Home Mission Work, the Bishop of Huron, Dr. Baldwin, whose earnest words formed a fitting conclusion to the evening's work. England and foreign Missions, the United States and our own domestic and home missions, the red man of the forest and his faithful educator, were all represented, and all spoke earnestly for the one great cause lying next their hearts, the cause of Christian missions.

The question of missionary brotherhoods provoked some warm discussion, but no definite action was taken regarding it, though the feeling was strong that some such plan as that once adopted at Nashotah, Wisconsin, when some two or three young men formed a community among themselves and worked economically and safely, enjoying one another's society and support until the church was well established and ready for the settlers as they came, was needed for the mission work in our own country; but a difficulty seemed to exist regarding the question of vows, and accordingly, in the interests of "good will," the matter was allowed to remain an open question.