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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE largest Sunday-school in the world is said to have on its roll 100,000 scholars, with a staff of 5,700 teachers. It is situated in Stockport, England.

THE Students' Volunteer Movement bids fair to be a powerful missionary organization. At the recent Keswick conference in England, some hundred and fifty men from the leading universities of Great Britain and Ireland pledged themselves to go into foreign missionary work.

MR. MASAZO KAKUZEN, a native Japanese, was made deacon by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Toronto on Sunday, September 24th. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Mockridge, who referred to this event as probably the first instance of a foreigner being ordained in Canada to be a missionary in his own country.

DEVOTIONAL feelings and instincts are sometimes disturbed by hearing in the midst of divine service announcements of "garden parties," "concerts," "socials," etc., to be held "for the benefit of the church." If such things have to be held for such a purpose, would it not be better to advertise them in some other way than in the midst of divine service?

WEDNESDAY, the 13th of September, will be ever memorable in the annals of the Church of England in Canada for the inaugural meeting of the General Synod. At length all parts of this great Dominion have been knit together in one

General Synod. Fourteen bishops were present, and among the clerical and lay delegates were many of the foremost Churchmen of the country. Further reference to this event will be made next month.

THE Board of Management of the D. and F. Missionary Society will meet in Halifax on October 11th. In connection with it, the bishop of Nova Scotia intends holding a missionary conference at Yarmouth, when many interesting papers and speeches on missionary subjects will be given. This is a good movement, and suggests a missionary congress, which ere long ought to be held in some of our great centres in the west.

ONE of the chief advantages to be hoped for from the General Synod recently held in Toronto will be the beginning of a unification in missionary work. Bishop Machray, now Primate of Canada, referred to this in his sermon at the opening of the synod. It is to be hoped that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada will soon mean what that title indicates—the whole Dominion, instead of being confined to its present limits as the creation of our Provincial Synod.

OUR readers will peruse with interest, and at the same time with a certain amount of sorrow, the article of Rev. J. G. Waller, of Japan, on "Obstacles in the Mission Field." What he says is no doubt only too true; but, at the same time, we have the same difficulties to contend with at home, only perhaps in a form less intensified. For "the divisions of Reuben there are indeed great searchings of heart," even as to the prosecution of home work, and many men of various denominations are casting about them to find some Church pure in doctrine and connected historically with the Church of early days which may be taken as a basis of Christian union. Out of this evil there may yet come, and it will only come in God's own good time, a great good. In the meantime, it is for us of the Church of England to pursue our own apostolic way, converting all we can to Christ, and teaching them plainly that there must be heresies or schisms among us "that they which are approved may be made manifest." Viewed from a distance (and we are free to admit that we can see things in that respect less clearly perhaps than Mr. Waller, who is on the spot), it would seem that the plan he hints at of making some agreement by which different denominations may be permitted to take up certain fields of work unmolested by others would not be, in the long run, productive of good. It would only lead in time to as much confusion as ever, as converted heathen would