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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

**BISHOP PERRIN**, of British Columbia, has arrived in England, where it is hoped he will be able to recruit his health after his late painful illness.

**THE** Easter meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will take place in Kingston, Ont., on April 24th.

WE call attention to the reports of two of our missionaries in Japan, Rev. J. G. Waller and Miss Jennie C. Smith. That of the Rev. Masazo Kakuzen we hope to publish next month.

**THE** Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum, of Saltcoats, who recently visited Eastern Canada in the interests of the diocese of Qu'Appelle, succeeded in collecting nearly \$1,000.

**THE** smallest diocese in the world is that of St. Helena, whose bishop, the Rt. Rev. Thos. E. Welby, D.D., has jurisdiction over only three clergy. The episcopal income amounts to hardly \$900 a year. The diocese of Selkirk (Canada), as far as the clergy are concerned, is just as small, but territorially — !

A CHURCH built of whalebone is not often heard of, yet, at the Cumberland Sound, in North East Canada, a church has been constructed for the Eskimo, the frame of which is made of the rib bones of whales, joined together. It is covered with skins, and goes by the appropriate name of "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness."

**LORD ROSEBURY** is accused of having appointed the headmaster of Rugby, Dr. Percival, Bishop of Hereford, because of his strong approval of Welsh disestablishment. If it is so, the wisdom of such a step—from the Premier's own standpoint—may be questioned. Churchmen, otherwise willing to uphold him, may be driven into opposition through a policy of that kind, and the Church after all, and not the Government, may be the winner.

**OWING** to the serious drop in rents of city houses in Sydney, Australia, the episcopal income of the diocese of Grafton and Armidale has been so much diminished that the synod of that diocese has been obliged to raise £300 a year towards the immediate support of the bishop. Episcopal incomes, owing to the financial depression all over the world, and the consequent depreciation of money, are, unfortunately, on the decrease almost everywhere.

**THE** Rev. Dr. Mountain, of Cornwall (diocese of Ontario), has left in his will means for the erection and endowment of a new see, to be known as the diocese of Cornwall. He has lately built, at his own expense, the church and rectory of the Good Shepherd at Cornwall. Such liberality is worthy of imitation on the part of those who, from their means, are able to do so. The building of churches and the increase of the episcopate would then become an easy matter.

**THE** Rev. J. O. Ruggles has been appointed clerical secretary for the diocese of Nova Scotia, as successor to Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., who has been appointed Dean of Fredericton Cathedral. Mr. Ruggles comes of a very old and respected Nova Scotia family, and is a graduate of King's College, Windsor. He served for over twenty-five years in the parishes of Kentville and St. Margaret's Bay, but some six or seven years ago was ordered by his physicians to retire from active clerical work. The office work now entrusted to him he will be able to perform, it is hoped, without undue tax upon his strength.

**THE** Church Missionary Society (England) has issued a very encouraging little tract called "News from the Front." In 1883-4 the number of baptisms among the heathen was 8,835. In 1893-4 it was 11,606, being an average of about thirty-one baptisms a day. Though the work of Christianity can not be gauged by figures, still there is a satisfaction in knowing that their indication are in the right direction. If a report of this kind can be given by one society, it is evident that among the many other societies that are putting forth efforts in various parts of the world a work of an encouraging nature is being done.