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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of the Rev. J. J. Hill, who for the last few years has been acting as secretary to the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews. Mr. Hill's kindly nature won for him many friends.

THE Bishop of Algoma, Dr. Sullivan, much to the satisfaction of his clergy and people, has been able to resume the work of his diocese with much of his old activity and energy. He has already, since his return from the south of France, paid many visits in distant parts of his diocese and has set forth machinery for the obtaining of funds necessary for the support of his work. But an offer of great importance has been laid before the Bishop, which may lead to his resignation of his episcopal work; and should he accept the rectorship of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, the congregation of the church will gain an eloquent and powerful preacher, but Algoma will lose a bishop who, during his fourteen years' term of office, has greatly advanced its interests and prospects.

THE Board of Missions of the American Church is face to face with a deficit of over \$80,000. By a Church as wealthy as the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States this deficit ought to be speedily removed, and no doubt it will be, but the fact that it exists calls for comment on the part of the American Church

papers. Someone must educate the rich, it is said, as to the duty and privilege of using some fair portion of their wealth for the benefit of others. This touches an important question. Has sufficient effort been made with the rich to open their eyes to their great privileges and also to their grave responsibilities? It is said that the poor and people of moderate means give more liberally to good objects, in proportion to their ability. May not the reason be that it has been found easier to educate them up to this point of duty than the wealthy? Have the rich been neglected in this matter? If so where does the responsibility lie? If a rich man is beset with perils owing to the fact that he is rich, it ought to be the duty of the ministry to open his eyes to that fact, not harshly, but gently; not spasmodically but systematically. The disposition too often is to leave the rich man to his fate and turn to the poor. There an easier field awaits the preacher. The poor can be more easily reached and taught; but that affords no reason why the wealthy brother should be neglected in the matter of Christian teaching.

THE "THREE YEARS' ENTERPRISE."

This is concerning the Church Missionary Society, and its plans for the three years to come: Finally, the committee intend to ask the co-operation of the archbishops and bishops of the whole Anglican communion, and of the heads of missionary associations, and other Christian bodies, in making this a time, not for the glorification of one society, but of definite advance on the part of the whole Church in her divinely appointed task—the evangelization of the world. Many other missionary epochs cluster round the close of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century; the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel reaching their bi-centenaries in 1898 and 1901, respectively, while the Religious Tract Society and the Bible Society look forward to the celebration of their centenaries in 1899 and 1904. The committee earnestly desire that these and all other societies and missions laboring faithfully for the extension of Christ's kingdom, both at home and abroad, should share in the special blessings which they believe and pray will be granted to them and to all their work at this memorable time.—*Missionary Review*.

ISLAM—The guilty conscience makes a man suspicious that everybody is trying to abuse him. The Turkish censors prohibited a chemical book which contained the symbol of water—viz., H₂O. These wiseacres read it as signi-