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THE editor will be glad to hear of one or two clergymen willing to travel in the interests of this Magazine. Good business terms can be given on application.

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OBITUARY.

The Rev. Edward Du Vernet, Canon, Diocese of Montreal, died in Parrsboro', N. S., on Jan. 3rd.

Rev. A. S. Falls, Rector of Amherstburg, Diocese of Huron, has also departed this life.

Rev. Canon Belcher, for many years Rector of Grace Church, Pt. St. Charles, Montreal, and a member of the Missionary Board of Management, we regret to say has also been called to rest.

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

The General Secretary has received the following letter from Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, Canadian Missionary in Japan:—

We reached Japan after an uneventful voyage on the 15th of September, and it is just two weeks since we came to this place which is, I hope, to be our home for some time. The intervening two and a-half months we spent in Tokio in a state of expectation and uncertainty. This not being a treaty port we had to procure passports before we could come and take up our residence. In order to do this we had to make arrangements to engage in educational work, and after this had been done two or three weeks more passed by before the passports were finally granted. We were told on our arrival, and soon found out for ourselves, that in this country there is nothing gained by being in a hurry about anything one cannot do himself. Japan is

undoubtedly one of the most progressive countries in the world, if indeed she has a rival in that respect at the present time, but the people individually seem very slow and easy going. While in Tokio, we visited the principal places of interest, including some of the finest temples, the Imperial Gardens, Ueno Park and Museum, the Great Annual Chrysanthemum Show at Daigozaka, the Imperial University and some of the Schools. On November 3rd, the Mikado's Birthday, we saw His Imperial Majesty reviewing his troops quartered in the capital, about 7,000 in number. Of course we have seen many new sights, but nothing very different from what we had been led to expect by the books we read before coming. There is no great difficulty now in obtaining any full and accurate information about this great country, and since it is now Canada's nearest neighbor to the west I trust our people will seek to become better acquainted with it. Nagoya is a city about which I have read very little, and I presume it is comparatively unknown to most Canadians. I shall not attempt to write a history or description of it now, nor do I promise to do so at any future time, but I hope to be able from time to time to send home a few lines which will be interesting to my countrymen and brother churchmen. It is now the fourth city in population in the empire, containing with its suburbs, about 200,000 people. It is a very rich city, and at the present time the stronghold of Buddhism in Japan. It has always been regarded as a most difficult field for missionary work, and it is scarcely two years since the first Protestant missionary came here to live. There are now four missionaries representing three branches of Protestantism, and the Roman Catholic and Greek Churches have each a representative. There are now nineteen foreigners here, who with three exceptions are doing direct missionary work, as far as their limited knowledge of the language will permit. I think the missionary outlook here as well as in the rest of Japan is hopeful, and I trust at some future time to be able to write to you about my own work, which at present I can scarcely say I have begun. There are six or seven Christians here belonging to the Church of England who have come from other places. These have met in our sitting room the last two Sunday afternoons, and I have spoken to them through an interpreter who, I am sorry to say, does not understand English sufficiently to do it satisfactorily. My school work consists of an evening class five times a week. It is attended by a few young men, telegraph operators, who have some knowledge of English which they wish to increase. Two of them are Christians, and I hope that the others may in time, through their and my influence, be brought to acknowledge the Lord Jesus as "the Light of the world."

I request most earnestly the prayers of all your readers that we may receive wisdom and power from above, that our efforts here may be abundantly fruitful.