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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

MISS JENNIE C. SMITH has arrived at Kobe, Japan, and has at once commenced to learn Japanese.

THE next meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is appointed to be held in Halifax on October 11th.

THE diocese of British Honduras has been vacant since July 6th, 1891. The *British Honduras Churchman* may well ask if it is not high time that the vacancy should be filled up.

RICHARD SNELLING, Esq., LL.D., Chancellor of the diocese of Toronto, died recently in Toronto after a long illness. Dr. Snelling was for years an active member of the Toronto Synod.

THE Rev. R. L. Stephenson, rector of Perth, diocese of Ontario, died on the 7th of August. He was a graduate of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and was rector of Perth for thirty-six years.

AT the last convocation of Trinity University, Toronto, Mr. E. B. Robinson, a blind student, carried off unusually high honors in mental and moral philosophy, obtaining the remarkable average of 84 per cent.

THE Church Missionary Society (England) has a staff of 548 missionaries, of whom 325 are clergymen, 79 laymen, and 144 women, "exclusive of wives." The income of the society last year was about \$1,200,000.

THE Rev. Jervois A. Newnham, M.A., D.D., was consecrated bishop of Moosonee in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Winnipeg; on Sunday, August 6th, by the Most Rev. Dr. Machray, Metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

REV. THOS. F. GAILOR, D.D., who from time to time has refused honorable and valuable preferments, has consented to be bishop-coadjutor of Tennessee. He was consecrated at his own University of Sewanee on the 25th of July.

WE are rejoiced to know that the bishop of Algoma has returned, and will be present at the General Synod to be held in Toronto in September. His lordship feels ready for his work again, and hopes to resume it early in October.

IN a letter received recently from Rev. J. G. Waller, of Japan, he states that in addition to the four natives baptized last Whitsunday, more were expected to be received into the fold on the 15th of July. Mr. Waller hopes to commence the erection of a church after the summer heat subsides.

BISHOP BICKERSTETH, of Japan, will pass through Canada early in November on his way to his diocese. He will be accompanied by his bride. The secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is trying to arrange a series of meetings at different places, so that the bishop may be heard on the different phases of his work.

THE Most Rev. Dr. Machray, Metropolitan Bishop of Rupert's Land, has been appointed by Her Majesty the Queen to the office of "Prelate of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George." The first prelate to hold this position, we understand, was Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand, and afterwards of Lichfield. From him it descended to Bishop Perry, and then to the late Bishop of Guiana; passing from him to the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, who, for many reasons, is well worthy of the attention thus bestowed upon him.

THE General Synod is to meet for the first time in Toronto this month. It is a pity that its constitution seems to have adopted the system of local substitutes to represent distant dioceses who may not be able to send delegates. This means that the synod will consist largely of Toronto men, after all. Is there need for this kind of legislation? There may be something in the fact that it is a good thing at times to bring the whole Canadian Church together by means of representation; but if that is to come down to a mere assembly of "substitutes," the usefulness of the synod will vanish, and before long will itself die a natural death.