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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE have concluded to make our first volume close in December, 1887, so that each new volume may commence in January of each year instead of July, an arrangement which we hope will be found satisfactory to our readers. The December number will contain full indexes, title page, etc., for the first volume. The Clerical Directory for the year by that time will be completed. But our friends will please notice that, in the case of those who subscribed last July, a year's subscription, in advance, is now due again. Prompt remittances will be a great help to us.

IN the new printed addresses the figures after the name indicate the number of the magazine up to which your subscription is paid. If your name has a 12 after it, it means that you have paid up to number 12, and that a new year's subscription, in advance, is due with No. 13. The magazine will be sent unless we receive directions to discontinue doing so; but we earnestly hope that our first twelve months' effort may be sufficiently appreciated to induce all our original subscribers to give us their continued support.

THE Synod of Nova Scotia is called for July 6th. to elect a bishop. In the Official Year Book of the Church of England the income of the see is put down as £700. This it seems is held in trust for the diocese by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. There is no see house.

REV. MR. EDGECUMBE, of Pictou, N.S., who may be obliged to leave on account of the financial condition of his church, is spoken of in the *Pictou Standard* as a man of fine scholarly attainments, an able and eloquent preacher, and as one highly respected by all denominations, and whose departure, should he deem it necessary to leave, will be greatly felt by all in the town.

THE Bishop of Algoma paid a visit to Cobourg, Ont., on the 16th of May, and made a deep impression there in favor of his work.

THE Diocese of Moosonee, a portrait of whose bishop we give this month, is entirely a Church of England diocese. The bishop is monarch of all he surveys; his rights there are none to dispute.

THE Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for 1886 shows a gross income during the year of £105,711, 14s., 11d., an amount which falls below the sum received in 1885 by £2,242. The report, however, expresses hope for the future, and speaks proudly of the British Empire. "The great Indian and Colonial Exhibition," it says, "which was held last year was intended to impress on its millions of visitors that the kingdom of England is no longer confined to these islands in the Northern Seas, but that it is a kingdom spread over the whole world, that the great growth and magnificence, the intense liberty and power of the colonies is making a great Empire, with England for its centre, and that the colonies in any part of the world are as much a portion of England as is any English county. But it should be remembered that it is neither commerce, nor ships, nor gold-fields, nor vast territory, but righteousness, that exalteth a nation. Had people believed this they would have felt that the present is no time for slighting the claims of the Society; for 186 years it has done that which the nation could never do; it has sanctified our extended Empire.

CANADA has had a flying visit from Canon Wilberforce, the great advocate of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks. He speaks with a rapid flow of language which is truly surprising, and seems to carry everything before him. His illustrations are vivid and are usually presented in such a way as to seize upon the emotions or deep interest of his listeners. But his great charm is his intense earnestness and his unqualified love for his Master in Heaven. The liquor subject with him is far above a question of political reform, or even philanthropy; it is one which touches the honor of his crucified Lord, and is inseparable from religion. He takes his stand upon Christ Himself first, and then upon the life of self-denial which, for the sake of others, Christ would have us live. He looks upon drunkenness as a slavery from which he is called upon by his very name of Wilberforce to free his countrymen, as his grandfather did when he opened the eyes of Englishmen to the stain and disgrace of the traffic in slaves. A man impressed with an idea of this kind cannot fail to raise up many friends to the cause of total abstinence.

THE sudden death by accident of Mrs. Pocock, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury of God, has caused much grief among all who knew her. We sympathize much with the afflicted husband and family.

THE Bishop of Qu'Appelle intends to visit Ontario towards the end of this month.