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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is rumoured that Bishop Bompas will undertake the work of the newly formed diocese of Selkirk, and that Archdeacon Reeve of Chippewyan, will become Bishop of Mackenzie River.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS VALPY FRENCH, who a few years ago resigned his position as Bishop of Lahore, in order that he might devote himself to more direct missionary work, died lately in Africa. His life gives extraordinary evidence to true devotion to his Master's cause.

THE Bishop of Algoma has gone for a short visit to England, owing to his late accident on the Pacific Railway. While everyone regrets the pain that the Bishop suffered from the bruises in his arm, there is great occasion for thankfulness to Almighty God, that the results of the accident were not more serious. We are told that fatal accidents very rarely occur to those engaged in missionary work. The Moravian Missionary ship has sailed to and from Labrador for 120 years without any serious accident, though the voyage is a dangerous one. The continued preservation of this ship has been regarded as the most remarkable occurrence in maritime history. The missionary is prayed for continually, that he may be preserved from accidents. Are there not many instances of answers to this prayer?

THE recent letter of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, published in the Church papers of Canada, demands some notice on our part. His Lordship takes exception to the name of the Society; but the name was given after careful study and consideration, its suggestion having come from the sister church in the United States. Such is the name by which the Society there (on which our own is based) is known. We should have been glad of a shorter name, for convenience sake; but the Bishop's suggested names are much longer and do not appear to us to cover the ground any better. The object in forming the Society was to arouse the interest of Church people in a two fold direction: 1st, work at home, 2nd, work abroad. The first it was thought would be covered by the term "domestic," and the second by the term "foreign." But the Bishop thinks we have foreigners enough in our own Dominion and instances our own Indians. Others of the North-West Bishops have taken the same view. It is natural that they should, perhaps, for they seem to be greatly in need of money. Yet there are thousands of people in this part of Canada, who would not consider that they were doing *foreign* mission work by simply assisting in the work among the aborigines of their own country. The missionary map of the world forms too dark a picture for that. Besides, foreign work to us must be work *outside* the Dominion. England may very properly regard work among our Indians as foreign work, for such it is to her. To us it is not. Why should the Church of England in Canada be behind other denominations in this respect? If Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and others can have their missionaries in China, India and Japan, why should not we? Would it not be a selfish policy to make our own Dominion absorb all our energies, while there is a great world thirsting for the truth? For our own part, the cry, "we have enough to do at home," always sounds to us like one which will never inculcate a true missionary spirit.

What the Bishop says about sending our money to English Societies is quite reasonable and everybody in this part of Canada feels it, yet there are difficulties in the way of undertaking at once foreign mission work independently of those Societies, which only those brought actively into contact with them can realize. Time alone can settle this question.

At a time when frequent appeals are issued by our society, calling upon our people to be missionary in spirit, we must be careful that an unhealthy restraint is not put upon the enthusiasm of those who take literally the words of the Master, "Go ye into *all the world* and preach the Gospel to every creature." There is surely wealth sufficient among the Churchmen of Canada to help the struggling settlers and the Indians of the North-West, and do foreign mission work as well.