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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

**BISHOP HAMILTON**, after some delay, resolved definitely to resign his diocese of Niagara, and take up the new work in Ottawa. He has already made arrangements for the change, and will soon be a resident of the capital. The Synod of Niagara has been summoned to meet in Hamilton on the 12th of May to elect a bishop.

**BISHOP REEVE'S** residence at Fort Simpson, diocese of Mackenzie River, was burned down some time ago. The house and the whole of its contents were destroyed, as were also all the supplies. The Bishop and Mrs. Reeve escaped with difficulty, and the former is suffering from rheumatism on account of the exposure. They are now staying at Hudson Bay. The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has voted a small sum of money to assist the Bishop in this emergency.

On Thursday, March 19th, the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Secretary-Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, visited the diocese of Huron on the kind invitation of the Bishop and Executive Committee, and laid before the Standing Committee the claims of the society which he represented, and requesting at the same time liberty to visit as might be practicable, from time to time, some of the parishes in the diocese with a view to increasing, if possible, the funds of the society. Dr. Mockridge was received with the greatest courtesy, and the privilege he asked for was freely given.

THE missionary meeting at Montreal was well attended. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge gave a brief history of the development of the Canadian episcopate as it began in the east and spread to the west. It was a lecture illustrated by frequent references to a large map of the Dominion. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Baldwin, Bishop of Huron, delivered a magnificent address, full of the unhappy failures of the Christian Church, on the one hand, and its brilliant triumphs on the other—its failures in the east, owing to the extraordinary march of Islam; its triumphs elsewhere, as it vanquished great nations, and still moves on to conquer. It was an address of great eloquence and power. The venerable Bishop of Montreal, Dr. Bond, presided.

THE diocese of Huron is the only diocese that sends the money asked for by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to that society for its own free and untrammelled use. Nova Scotia devotes some of the Ascensiontide Appeal money to the payment of the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma. Fredericton, Ontario, Toronto, and Niagara do the same. Quebec appropriates the bulk of its foreign missionary money to the S.P.G., and Montreal all of its foreign missionary money to the S.P.G. for work in Madras. Fredericton appropriates its foreign collections also to the S.P.G. Thus is the society handicapped. All honor to Huron diocese, which alone leaves untouched the money that the society asks for for its own work. The Church of England in Canada will never flourish until her missionary society can have the free disposal of the offerings of the people who wish to devote a portion of their means to the evangelization of the world.

By a very small majority, the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has resolved to seek for honorary officers for the performance of the necessary work belonging to it, with a view to abolishing the secretary-treasurership. This work is threefold: (1) The keeping of the books, receiving and paying out money, preparing and issuing annual reports, etc.; (2) the work of a secretary, to keep minutes, issue appeals, arouse missionary interest, and other kindred matters; and (3) the editing and conducting of the society's periodicals. All this has been done recently by one paid officer. It is hoped that by dividing his duties among three men the work may be done for nothing. Many regard this as a retrograde step. Time alone will tell. Any one of the three duties mentioned above will be found far more onerous than many, unacquainted with the working of the society, have any idea of. At a time when the Methodist body is engaging an assistant secretary, the Church of England in Canada has had to acknowledge that it will not even keep one responsible officer.