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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

**CANADIAN.**—Much in this July issue was prepared with the thought of the coronation of King Edward in view. In the mysterious providence of God this great event has been delayed. Our King has, however, been crowned in the hearts of his people in a way unparalleled in history. Our readers will find two articles of special interest in this issue. One by Bishop Ridley on "The Dominion of Canada," p. 100, and the other by Bishop Reeve, entitled "Amongst the Eskimos," p. 104, describing Rev. I. O. Stringer's work. There are eight pictures accompanying the latter article, which no one should fail to read.

**PERSONAL.**—In the death of Dr. Thomas W. Reynolds of Hamilton the Can. C. M. S. has lost a warm friend and generous contributor. Dr Reynolds was a member of the executive board. Miss Ichimura, since her return to Japan, has settled down to work unspoilt by her stay in Canada. Mr. W. H. Mockridge of Toronto has joined the St. Andrew's Mission in connection with the S. P. G. in Tokio. Rev. J. T. Bryan is occupying Bishop Awdry's house in Tokio during his absence. Rev. F. C. Heathcote of Toronto is Bishop Awdry's cousin. Rev. J. H. Van Buren was consecrated Missionary Bishop of Porto Rico on June 24. Prof. Hirth has accepted the offer of the Chinese Chair at Columbia University, New York, and will begin his lectures next October. Mr. E. Sprake Jones, writing June 7, announces his safe arrival at Fort McMurray on the Athabasca River. He is on his way to relieve Mr. Young of Herschel Island.

**THE CHINESE CAT.**—Our readers who are fond of pet animals would scarcely relish some of the sights of China. Mr. White, who is a keen observer as well as a faithful missionary, gives us the following wayside sketch in one of his letters: "On a tree by the wayside we noticed a dead cat hanging by its neck. Throughout Fuhkien the people have an idea that a cat's body contains an exceedingly vile poison so that a dead cat must not be buried, as the poisonous vapours would get into vegetables and plants and people through them would acquire leprosy or some such dire disease, but the cat's body must be hung on a tree so that the air can carry off these deadly vapours."

**HAY RIVER MISSION.**—In response to an urgent appeal for a lady missionary from Rev. Thos. J. Marsh of the Diocese of Mackenzie River, the executive of the Canadian C. M. S. approached

one of its accepted candidates, Miss Florence Potts of Merriton, Ont., who was waiting to be sent to the Foreign Field. At exceedingly short notice she nobly consented to leave at once for the far North. A farewell meeting was held in the Church of England Deaconesses' House, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, July 2, when addresses were delivered by Mrs. Williamson, President of the Toronto Woman's Auxiliary; Miss Etches and Miss Keen of the C. M. S.; the outgoing missionary; and the chairman, Dr. Hoyles. Rev. Messrs. Des Barres and Watkins offered up prayer for travelling mercies. St. Peter's Mission is at the junction of the Hay River and the Great Slave Lake and has the Indian Boarding School for the diocese.

**BISHOP AWDRY.**—At the Toronto Synod routine work was interrupted on Friday morning, June 13, to listen to an intensely interesting address on Japan by the Bishop of South Tokio, under whom our Canadian missionaries are labouring. Bishop Awdry mentioned all these missionaries, both of the D. & F. M. S. and of the Canadian C. M. S. by name, describing with charming fullness of detail their different stations. He had a sympathetic and appreciative word for each. He said he could not spare one of them. Nagoya he considered a very difficult field. It is the stronghold of Buddhism and immorality. Toyohashi is a military place and more susceptible. The Blind School and the work among the ex-prisoners at Gifu were mentioned with approval. At Nagano the hospital building is so far completed that Rev. J. G. Waller and family are living in it, his own house being very unfit for use. At Naoetsu nearly all the Christians are railway men. One of these, an engine driver, said lately: "I never start without prayer." Two of the Christian drivers have been chosen to take charge of the train bearing the Crown Prince through this part of the country. It is here where Messrs. Shortt and Ryerson are labouring. When the Bishop was leaving Tokio a large number of the policemen of the city who were off duty came to wish him good-bye. For some time past there has been a most encouraging work going on among the policemen who have attended the classes in English taught by the missionaries. No less than forty policemen have been baptized and they have formed a Christian Guild. Christianity is gradually making its way amongst the upper classes, many of whom possess Bibles, but it is more difficult for such to make an open confession of Christ.