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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Algoma has again received an appointment as chaplain for Christ Church, Mentoné, for the coming winter. It is to be hoped that his lordship will return restored to health and strength.

AT the late Provincial Synod, permission was given to the Diocese of Algoma to form its own synod; but this will be done in such a way as not to destroy the missionary character of the diocese.

WHEN, at the age of close upon seventy, Dr. Durnford was appointed Bishop of Chichester, he could scarcely have hoped to complete an episcopate of twenty-five years. Yet that he was permitted to do. His recent death, at the age of ninety-three, has brought to a close a remarkable career for one past the threescore years and ten.

THE Rev. F. Swainson, Principal of the Kiskoek Homes, Blood Reserve, situated near Macleod, in the diocese of Calgary, is making an urgent appeal on behalf of his work, there being a large balance owing to the treasurer. There are close upon one hundred children in this institution that are depending upon it not only for education, but for clothing and food. Hence the anxiety of those in charge of it. Who will help? The smallest contributions or this object will be thankfully received.

OF the five bishops consecrated last June in Westminster Abbey one has already been called

home—Bishop Maples, of Nyassa Land, in Africa. It is a coincidence worth noting that when, in 1884, the first Bishop of Qu'Appelle was consecrated, Hannington was consecrated at the same time, the one coming to Canada, the other going to Africa, where he, almost immediately, lost his life. In June last the second Bishop of New Westminster was consecrated at the same time with Bishop Maples, the one for Canada, the other for Africa, with the same melancholy result—except as to the method of the death—which attended the martyr of Uganda.

PARTICULARS have not yet reached us of the melancholy death of the Rt. Rev. Chauncy Maples, second Bishop of Nyassa Land. All we know is that he was drowned in Lake Nyassa, and with him the Rev. Joseph Williams. He had been a missionary in Africa since 1876, but was consecrated bishop only the 29th of June last. Still young and vigorous, at the age of 43, well qualified by experience and training for his work, he has been called away. Many circumstances combine to make the African episcopate a difficult post to keep supplied with men. Indeed, it is a dangerous post for all missionaries. About the same time that Bishop Maples was drowned one of his clergy, the Rev. G. W. Atlay, son of the late Bishop of Hereford, was murdered by natives.

AT the recent convention of the American Church, Bishop McKim, of Japan, said: "The missionary jurisdiction of Tokyo is 700 miles in length by 300 in breadth, with a population of 16,000,000. There are in this missionary jurisdiction three missionary dioceses of the Church of England. These three bishops of the Church of England represent five missionary societies. They are each independent of the other, and independent also of the English convocational authority. The missionaries of the Church of England have united with the missions of the Church of America. It is called the Holy Church in Japan. It has instituted canons of its own, and has a Prayer Book different from that found in American churches. This Church exercises jurisdiction until Japan is able to provide an episcopate for itself. Every missionary contributes regularly to the support of that missionary society. Every congregation contributes; the penalty for not doing so being the withdrawal of the clergy from the mission. The contributions connected with the congregation of the American mission is put aside as an endowment for the future Japanese episcopacy.

"The missionaries of Japan are not carrying the Church to a people antagonistic to Christianity. Until last year this could not be said, but the wars taught them a lesson. There were 200 or 300 Christians in their army, and