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EDITORIAL NOTES.

GREAT and good Bishop Whipple still battles bravely for life in his prolonged illness. It is a strange misfortune that the assistant bishop of Minnesota, Dr. Gilbert, should be sick at the same time. He also, it is said, is on the fair way to recovery.

On the 14th of June, in St. Thomas' Church, New York, the Rev. Frederick R. Graves, D.D., was consecrated missionary bishop of Shanghai, China; and Rev. John McKim, D.D., missionary bishop of Yeddo, Japan. Both these clergymen are said to be eminently qualified for their work.

THE church people of New Zealand are beginning to ask the question why they should not look at home for suitable clergymen for the episcopate. The resignation of the Rt. Rev. Octavius Hadfield, bishop of New Zealand and primate of Wellington, has opened up the question, which is certainly a reasonable one.

THE Rev. F. Frost, a hard-working missionary of Algoma, paid a short visit to Toronto recently, with his wife. On returning home, they found their new parsonage gone. Fire had reduced it and all the belongings of the family to ashes. As there was no insurance, the loss is most distressing. It is hoped that timely aid will be given to enable home life to begin once more for the devoted missionary of Shaguiandah.

It is most gratifying to find that the old title of Bishop of Natal has at length been restored. The Colenzoites and members of the Diocese of

Maritzburg, having agreed to accept a bishop on the appointment of the archbishop of Canterbury, Rev. Authur Hamilton Baynes has been appointed to the position, and it is hoped that by his timely supervision the old troubles caused by the unhappy step taken years ago by Bishop Colenzo will come to an end. The new prelate goes out as bishop of Natal.

ON the first of June the Diocese of Quebec celebrated its centenary. Suitable services were held and addresses given. The memory of the pioneer bishops, Jacob Mountain, Charles J. Stewart, and G. J. Mountain, were revived; and the name of Bishop Williams was honored by the formation of the "Bishop Williams Memorial Mission Fund," which has amounted to over \$26,000, \$20,000 of which has been paid.

MISS L. H. MONTIZAMBERT begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of several packets of reports, etc., from the Northwest and other places. No clue to the sender was given, nor any indication as to whether intended for distribution through the whole W.A., or only in the Diocese of Quebec. Having the honor to hold the office of General Secretary, as well as that of Quebec Diocesan Secretary, it would be a great assistance if, to signify the intention of the sender, the words "General Secretary," or "Secretary Quebec Branch," were added to Miss Montizambert's address and the name of the sender given. If intended for general distribution, it is unfair that Quebec Diocese should receive all. If intended for Quebec, it is depriving her to send them to dioceses already supplied, and not to know who the kindnesses come from is a great loss to whoever benefits by them.

THE various diocesan synods are over. It is sometimes urged against synods that they are "wanting in spirituality," and that they are too secular in their tone. But it should be remembered that the synods are the business meetings of the various dioceses. If money is needed for carrying on church work, it is fitting that that money should be carefully managed and properly directed. Synods are to the dioceses very much what vestry meetings are to the parishes—gatherings for the transactions of the temporalities of the church within their respective bounds. An attempt was made in Toronto this year to devote the evenings of synod week to a conference, somewhat resembling a congress, on subjects of a religious nature. It failed, however, to attract that interest which it reasonably called for. Still, the attempt is to be repeated next year. There is room for doubt whether synod time, when men must debate, with a greater or less degree of warmth, the temporalities and money affairs of the church, is the best occasion for holding religious conferences.