

look to see what they can do and give for God's cause.

A successful sale and social tea was held in the school house by the ladies of the congregation on Dec. 20th, when a pleasant time was spent and about \$40 taken in, of which \$30 was applied to the church debt.

Mr. T. H. Gould, a fourth year student at Wycliffe College, spent his Christmas holidays in Lindsay and vicinity, and assisted the rector in his church and parish duties. A return visit at any time will be appreciated.

Mr. W. J. Hallett has been appointed master in the public schools, and teacher of the model school, Barrie. He will be missed from St. Paul's choir, but we congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him every success in his new home.

On the last day of 1892 Miss Leary, the organist of St. Paul's, was presented with \$30 in gold as a token of their appreciation by the members of the congregation. We are sure that all will rejoice at this acknowledgement of her faithful labors during the last five years.

Miss Ida L. Preston has gone to take charge of a school at Minesing, near Barrie; and Miss Cook to one at Burnt River. These young ladies have for a longer or shorter period been worshippers with St. Paul's congregation, and will be missed. We are sure many will wish them every success and blessing in their new homes.

The Bishop of the Diocese has intimated his intention of visiting this parish in April, to administer the apostolic rite of confirmation. We trust that many are thinking and praying over the matter of becoming full members of our church, and will give their names to the rector as desirous of attending the preparatory classes.

The congregations at Reaboro and Currin's were not as large as sometimes. At Reaboro the communion was administered, and while the communicants were few, it seemed as if God's Holy Spirit was specially present to bless them. The offertory was, Reaboro \$2.50 (in addition to the ordinary collection,) and Currin's \$1.76. The glad Christmas message was brought before all the congregation, and we trust that God's gift of love, His only Son, and life through Him, may be more and more appreciated by us all.

By appendices of Synod Journal, which are being distributed, we find that the Missionary contributions from this parish, for year ending April 30th last, amounted to \$333.73, and \$32.20 for widows and orphans and superannuation fund.—total, \$365.93, an increase of \$38.33 over the year before. Of this sum \$25.98 came from Reaboro. We congratulate the congregations on doing so well, yet what might we do if we would—the money has helped to support the preaching of the Gospel in our own diocese, in Algomo, in the great North-west, in Japan, in Quebec, and through the great English societies to many of the

heathen nations in Asia and Africa. How good it is to be "co-workers together with God" in sending abroad the knowledge of the truth.

The Church of England Temperance Society held their monthly meeting in St. Paul's school room on the 28th of December. The attendance was good, an excellent programme of singing and reading was rendered, and Mr. E. Carswell, the celebrated temperance lecturer, gave one of the most interesting addresses it has been our privilege to listen to. The audience was more than delighted. Five new members were added to the roll.

On 1st Dec. the children of St. Paul's Sunday School held a Missionary Concert called "Open Doors," consisting of songs, readings, and recitations, showing how God has opened the doors of almost every country in the heathen world to receive the gospel. The children did their parts well, and the audience, which was large, seemed much pleased. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$6.64, which will be devoted to two objects which our Sunday School helps to support, viz.: Japan and the Indian homes in the North-west.

Offertory for December:—

		Envelopes	Loose	Total
Dec.	4	\$28 55	\$8 86	\$37 41
	11	19 40	8 00	27 40
	18	21 50	7 93	29 43
	25	10 80		10 80

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MISSIONS—P.M.A., Dec., \$4.55. (\$2 for Wycliffe, Japan.)
Missionary Concert—Wycliffe, Japan, \$3.35; Rev. Mr. Wilson's Homes, \$3.32, \$11.19.

The 25th being Christmas Day the loose collection was included in the usual Christmas offertory taken up on that day.

A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed in connection with St. Paul's Church much after the model of the one at the Memoria Church, London, Ont., and already several interesting and profitable meetings have been held. The following officers have been elected:—Hon. Pres., the Rector; President, E. E. W. McGaffey; Vice-President, Mr. W. Sisson; Recording-Sec., W. J. Bray; Cor.-Sec., Miss D. Stephenson; Treas., Mrs. G. Beall. A number of committees are to be appointed shortly, and we fully expect the society will be a great help under God, in building up Christian workers, and enlarging the borders of Christ's Kingdom.

Christmas was clear and cold like the good old days, and the congregations at St. Paul's were large. The singing, especially in the morning, was very good, the anthem showing careful preparation by the choir, and the church was tastefully trimmed, the green branches and red berries giving it a very Christmas-tide appearance. The number of communicants, both morning and evening, was gratifying, and the Christmas offertory was the largest in the history of the church, being \$81.20. We thank most heartily those who gave so liberally, and trust they may receive good gifts from above in return.