

the result under God of the help sent from Christian nations to these poor starving heathen.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson, of Peterboro, has been gazetted Honorary Chaplain to the 57th Battalion.

It is said, in reports from Delhi, India, that 40,000 persons have already died owing to the famine in that land.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."—Jer. 3: 33.

The income of the C. M. S. for the first nine months of the present financial year was £21,000 more than the preceding year, but the needs have been growing even faster than the income.

The Rev. J. D. O'Meara, of Winnipeg, son of the late Rev. Dr. O'Meara, of Port Hope, has been appointed Dean of Rupertland, in succession to Dean Grisdale, who was lately elected Bishop of QuAppelle.

The annual Sunday School drive was a great success, some 300 were on hand with flags, etc. Twenty-four sleighs were in the procession. After the drive over 325 sat down to tea, and an interesting program brought a very pleasant affair to a close. Very hearty thanks are tendered to those who so kindly sent sleighs and provided so many good things, and we trust that many of the scholars, when they remember the pleasant outing, will thank our Heavenly Father for His good gifts.

Miss Wahl, a Missionary, writing from near Lucknow, India, of the famine says: "Parents are already selling their children to get food. In Aminabad a man sold his only son for Rs 2½, as they had not had anything to eat for four days. When he brought home some provisions he did not tell his wife how he obtained the money, but when the dinner was ready, and the son did not come, he at last had to confess it. That was more than the poor mother could bear, and she cast herself down into the well. When the man saw he had now lost both wife and son he followed her." Now is the time for Canadian Christians to feed the hungry and starving of India.

In addition to the Wednesday evening service, during Lent there will be service at 4.15 p.m. in the school-room on Fridays, also we expect to have confirmation classes each Friday evening. We trust many will use these opportunities.

A meeting of the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria, was held in Lindsay on February 25th and 26th. Rural Dean Allen occupied the chair at the meetings at the Rectory, and after the ordinary business was transacted Rev. J. Creighton, B. D., opened the discussion on "Pastoral Visiting" by giving many useful suggestions to young men. The Women's Auxiliary kindly entertained the visitors at tea in the school room on Thursday, after which there was a Missionary meeting. God's blessing was invoked and then Mr. A. Lawrence, of Minden, in a manly straightforward way, gave the history of his work in the north country, its advantages and pleasures as well as its needs and difficulties. We wish more could have heard of the zeal of our fellow-church people in the north, also the need of increasing the labourers. The venerable Archdeacon Allen showed the need of increased effort in Missionary work and answered some objections raised against it. Miss Leary and Miss Burnham, of Peterboro, each sang very touching sacred songs. On Friday there was a short service and holy communion at 10 a.m., and then the study of a portion of Greek Testament. In addition to those mentioned above the

Revs. W. McCann, of Omeme; W. Farncomb, of Fenelon Falls, and Creighton, of Bobcaygeon, as well as Messrs. Marsh and O'Malley were present and took part in the proceedings.

We would advise all Sunday School Teachers and workers to read Miss Twambley's excellent paper on an "Ideal Sunday School Teacher."

We hope our readers will scan our advertising columns as we want our patrons to know that they are not only helping a good work, but that it pays to advertise in Parish and Home.

Miss Lucy Dingle, who has gone to Albany, N. Y., to take a course for a trained nurse, will be missed from St. Paul's Church Choir, of which she has been a member for the past few years.

Death has been busy in our midst of late, the sudden calling away of some in the vigor and prime of their lives deepens our loss and causes our sympathy to go out all the more to the bereaved ones.

Over \$90 has been subscribed to purchase an organ for the Union Church in Reaboro, and so very shortly that aid to the musical part of the service will be secured. We congratulate the people on the effort put forth.

The C. E. T. S. paid \$30.90 on the piano in the school room during the year, and now only owe a balance of \$21. The instrument is a great comfort at many of the meetings and entertainments held, and we owe many thanks to the C. E. T. S. for even this work.

News has been received from St. Peter's Mission, McKenzie River diocese, Miss Tims (from Omeme) arrived there after her long journey on Sept. 16th, and was received with much joy. Soon after her arrival Miss Marsh, who had been over-taxed with the long strain, was laid up with a sort of nervous prostration for two months, but owing to the kind nursing and attention of Miss Tims and the Indian girls was much better in December when she wrote. Very hearty thanks were returned for the kindness of the Lindsay people in sending such useful bales. They arrived in good order and nearly every article was what was needed. With regard to the special gift to the chief's wife, one letter says, "We sent for Mrs. Chantla, the chief's wife, and presented her with the red jacket Mr. M— sent from Lindsay, and she went away as proud as a peacock. Poor old Chantla has always been a good hunter and worker and had many skins coming to him in the fall, but this year being ill, he has nothing, so the gift was particularly acceptable to the poor old wife." They give food and clothing in times of need to the aged and widows, and, of course, supply the children in their school, but the men have to pay for what they get in work. On December 7th they speak of having a moonlight drive with the dogs between two and three o'clock in the afternoon, so one may judge how short the winter days are, and often in the winter the Indians are short of provisions. The work is going quietly on and being blessed of God, but a zealous, earnest, godly young layman is needed to help Mr. Marsh in his part of the work. The freight bill for the year for supplies for the mission is \$850, and even then bread has to be used very sparingly. The autograph coverlid is much prized and often reminds them of many kind Lindsay friends. Prayer is earnestly requested for God's continued guidance and blessing.