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May 1897 be a very blessed year to all our readers—right heartily do we wish you "A Happy New Year."

The Rev. Canon Pettit, of Cornwall, who some years ago preached to the Masons in St. Paul's Church, has lately died.

Mr. W. J. Southam was lately ordained deacon by the Bishop of Ottawa, and the Rev. Percy R. Soanes advanced to be a presbyter by the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

A lady of the parish, who is unable to leave her home, kindly gave the rector a half dollar each, as a Christmas gift, for the dwellers in the "Home for the Aged," and thirteen people were made happier at the joyous Christmas time by this thoughtful action.

Mr. H. Petter spent a few days at the home of Mrs R. Lang, Golden, B. C., a short time ago. It must have been a great pleasure for former active workers at St. Paul's Church, Lindsay, to meet so far distant from the scene of their former labors. Many readers of Parish and Home will be pleased to hear that all were enjoying fairly good health amid the mountains of the west.

The members of the Lindsay Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions and other women of St. Paul's Church, presented Mrs. Marsh with a Certificate of Life Membership and gold badge at their December meeting. There was a large attendance, and Mrs. T. Walters, the President, read a short address, expressing appreciation and kind wishes, to which Mrs. Marsh, who was taken completely by surprise, feelingly replied, thanking all most heartily for their very kind and loving action.

The C. E. T. S. meeting on Dec. 28th was not largely attended, although there was a very interesting programme. Mr. Humphrey's class with violins; Messrs Knight, Mullett and Lockwood, and Miss L. Ingle and Mrs. Marsh taking part. Mr Knight stated that the debt on the piano was reduced to \$21 and anyone wanting to help pay and so have a string in it, must do so at once, or he would be too late. The annual meeting is to be held the last Monday in January, and members are asked to work hard in the meantime to promote the cause of temperance and help the intemperate, and so make the Society a real blessing.

The amount received by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada from Aug. 1st, 1895, to July 31st, 1896, was \$43,850 45, being about \$1,000 more than received in any one year before. This includes nearly all sums raised in Ontario and the Provinces east of it, for work among the heathen, Jews and dwellers in our own great North-west, but not the sums raised in Manitoba or the west, nor yet the monies raised in each diocese in Eastern Canada for work in the more needy parts of those dioceses. Growth is a cause for thankfulness.

Of the new missionaries sent out by the Church Missionary Society in 1896, ten are honorary, going at their own cost and supporting themselves while in the field. This makes a staff of 70 who ask for no support, but only to be allowed to work with the C. M. S. in seeking to preach the Gospel to all people. What a splendid answer this is to the men who think and say that everything is done for money, and yet is it not just what we might expect of the followers of One "who though he was rich yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich."

Sunday, Jan. 17th, is the date for most of the missionary exchanges in this deanery. The Rev. Canon Farncomb, of Newcastle, and the Rev. H. J. Burges, of Bethany, are expected to take the duty in Lindsay, Reaboro, Cameron and Cambray.

The Orillia Packet says: "The honor roll in St. James' Sunday School is made up of those scholars who have not been absent more than three times in the year. Last year the number on it was twelve, the year before eleven. This year the roll has increased to 34, of whom five were present every Sunday." We hope the S. S. scholars and workers who read this, will imitate the regularity of the honor roll of Orillia.

The Christmas services were largely attended in Lindsay and Cameron, and fairly well in Reaboro and Cambray. All the churches were prettily decorated for the occasion, and we trust that many realized the rich blessings that we receive through the birth of "Emanuel." The offertories were as follows: Lindsay, \$35; Reaboro, \$3.70; Cameron, \$3.30; Cambray, \$8. The clergy appreciate very much the kindly thoughtfulness that led to such liberal offerings, and pray that richest gifts may be showered on all the worshippers.

St. Paul's Church Collections, 1896.

|                         | Envelopes | Loose   | Total    |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Nov. . . . .            | \$90 20   | \$52 74 | \$142 67 |
| Special re Church Debt, |           |         | \$255 64 |
| Dec. 6, . . . . .       | \$17 60   | \$11 40 |          |
| 13, . . . . .           | 19 20     | 9 02    |          |
| 20, . . . . .           | 14 00     | 10 30   |          |
| 27, . . . . .           | 11 95     | 11 60   |          |
|                         | \$62 75   | \$42 32 | \$105 07 |

Mission Collections.

|         | Thanksgiving Diocesan, |   |  | Total |
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| Cameron | "                      | " |  | 1 14  |
| Cambray | "                      | " |  | 1 32  |
| Reaboro | "                      | " |  | 1 23  |

On December 20th Rev. H. E. Benoit, agent of the Sabrevois Mission of Quebec, preached morning and evening in St. Paul's Church, and in the afternoon at Reaboro. He told the way that God had led him, first when doubts arose and he refused to follow the teaching he had received, he was turned out of his home, but was led to Montreal and to one of the Protestant schools there, and at the end of two years his parents invited him home again. He took a French New Testament with him, which was the first his father had ever seen, and which was the means of leading a number to know Christ as revealed in His word. He told of the number breaking away from their old faith and drifting, alas, some of them into infidelity. There are eleven French Protestant Churches in the city of Montreal alone, and he said how much might be done, (not so much in making proselytes, as) in rescuing those who had broken away from their old ways and were drifting, they knew not whither, if only men and means were given now to preach to them a pure gospel. He received some \$36.40 in cash, and other promises for the carrying on of the work.