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We are now in a position to supply back numbers of the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS from its first numbers. Vol. I., July, '86—Dec., '87 (18 numbers) \$1.50. Vol. II., Jan.—Dec. '88, \$1.00. When bound these make handsome volumes. Covers for binding for Vol. I. and Vol. II. may also be had on application at fifty cents each.

THE Fourteenth Session of the Provincial Synod of Canada will begin in Montreal on September 11th. Divine service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral at 10:30 a.m., the sermon to be preached by Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia.

Friday the 13th will be devoted to the business of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

A missionary meeting in connection with the society will be held on Thursday evening at which Bishop Sullivan, of Algoma; Bishop Baldwin, of Huron, and Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia, will speak.

THE third annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Diocese of Ontario is in every way creditable. It is printed with taste and even elegance and represents thorough organization and good work done.

TORONTO is active in church work. New churches are being built and old ones enlarged and improved. A gospel waggon even has been set up, from which some zealous laymen, by singing and preaching, hope to attract passers by in the streets to listen to Gospel words.

BISHOP WILLIAMS, of Quebec, on his recent visit to Lake St. John confirmed seventeen Montagnais Indians at the Indian reserve there.

THERE are nearly 16,000 established churches in England, besides the great abbeys, cathedrals, and ancient collegiate churches. There are about 23,000 clergymen. The Church-going population is trustworthily estimated at 14,000,000, for whom about 6,200,000 sittings are available.

WE note with much thankfulness that Mr. F. J. D. Smith, of Newtonbrook, Ontario, has contributed \$500 towards the support of Rev. J. Cooper Robinson as a Canadian missionary in Japan.

THE report of the Church Missionary Society, England, is to hand. It gives its total number of missionary stations as 305; European clergy, 269; native clergy, 277; workers of all kinds clerical and laics (including women), 4,350; schools and seminaries, 1,768 with 73,036 scholars; communicants, 47,754. In its map of Canada it shows the Diocese of Calgary, not yet in endowed or separated from Saskatchewan and a "proposed" Diocese of Ottawa, being the Eastern portion of the Diocese of Ontario. The maps in the Church Missionary Society are always beautifully clear and well executed. The income of the society has increased by £16,000, and that of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts by £28,000, the latter sum including, however, a thank offering of £25,000 from a single individual.

THE *Sydney* (Australian) *Record* complains with good grounds of the remarkable relaxation of Sunday observance in the Australian metropolis:—"In the Temperance Hall lectures are given on Sunday night with a money charge. The noisy cry of newspaper boys disturbs the dawn of the sacred day. The large theatres give sacred and 'classical' concerts, for which money is charged. There are cheap excursion trains to half a dozen suburban places of recreation, and Sunday bands in every park. Yet nearly all this is contrary to the local laws." On the other hand, in Canada, the action of the New York Central Railway in discontinuing freight trains on Sunday has led to a similar state of things on the Grand Trunk, and the Boston and Maine railroad systems, except in the case of live stock and perishable commodities. A desire to restrict Sunday work as much as possible is extending to other lines, and there are some hopes of a general agreement to limit this class of Sunday labor. Such an agreement cannot fail to be a benefit, physically and morally, to the laborer.

### OBITUARY.

With regret we chronicle the death of Rev. Canon William Bleasdel, M.A., rector of Trenton, Diocese of Ontario. He was a native of England and graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and was ordained to the diaconate in 1845 and to the priesthood in 1846 by Dr. Sumner, Bishop of Chester, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury. After holding one or two English curacies he came to this country and was appointed rector of St. George's Church, Trenton, in 1848 which position he retained up to his death on August 14th of this year, a period of forty-one years. Mr. Bleasdel was a finished scholar and estimable clergyman and is known as the author of several treatises on scientific and other subjects. He was one of the