

How many will this coming Lent put God's work and God's will first?

We are glad to welcome Mr. Hulley and family, Mr. Wyld and Mr. Bethune to Lindsay and St. Paul's church.

St. George's church, Cameron, was crowded on Feb. 1st by those desiring to witness the marriage of Mr. C. J. Hepburn to Miss Carrie Cook, and many were the wishes expressed that the young people might have abundant happiness in their journey through life together.

The amount received by our Parish paper in 1898 for advertisements and subscriptions was \$138.66 while the cost of publication was \$166, leaving an adverse balance of \$27.34, and yet there are scores of subscribers who have not paid the small amount due by them. Will all kindly pay up so that we may pay the printer.

Some 19 young men were present at the annual meeting of the Y.M.A. held at the home of Mr. A. J. Soanes. Interesting reports were given and some stirring words spoken urging on to renewed effort, and the following officers were elected, Hon. President, the rector; Pres., Mr. M. H. Sisson; Vice Pres., Rev. R. McNamara; Sec. Treas., Mr. E. Armstrong; Councilors, Messrs. W. H. Vance, S. Cameron and B. Lamont. We trust a useful year is before the Association.

Owing to the prevalence of gripe only six clergy were present at the Rural Deanery meeting in Lindsay on Feb. 2nd and 3rd. Ven. Archdeacon Allen, Rural Dean W. C. Allen, Revs. W. I. Creighton, H. Symonds and those of Lindsay. Much interesting discussion took place on the proposed new diocese, and a resolution prepared to be presented to the Synod in June. A public meeting was held in the schoolhouse, when an address on "The Clergyman's Work" under the headings of His Ecclesiastical dress, The reading of the service, and preaching, was given by the Archdeacon, and Judge Harding spoke on "The Layman's Work," pointing out the desirability of a financial board to assist the churchwardens in raising the necessary funds; and the duty of all, not unnecessarily to criticize, but to encourage and help forward the church's work.

On Jan. 30th news was received from the far north. On Dec. 9th all were well at St. Peter's Mission, Hay River. Mr. Stanley Soanes had been moved to Fort Simpson, 240 miles distant, to assist Bishop Reeves. Twelve gold seekers were wintering at Hay River; while during the summer 400 travellers inscribed their names on the visitor's book at the Mission House and nearly 1000 passed through that way en route to the Klondyke. Their garden yielded 300 bushels of potatoes and some other vegetables, and they had secured a good catch of fish, and some moose meat in preparation for the winter. In addition to the Sunday services and Sunday school, they have a boarding school with 7 children at time of writing, a school attended by old and young from the village, also a bible class on Thursday evenings. There had been two weddings and the missionary had the privilege of providing the necessities for a wedding feast. They sent words of hearty appreciation of the bales sent out by the Lindsay W.A., and other friends, and the many useful articles therein contained. They hope before long to build a church. God is giving them some fruit for their labors, and they ask continued and earnest prayer on their behalf. More missionaries are needed to meet the wants of that vast land.

The Christmas offertory at St. Luke's, Ashburnham, was a little over \$50.

Let us pray more to the Saviour, work more and give more this Lent for the Master than ever before.

The Ven. Archdeacon Weston-Jones has resigned his position as Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island. A resident of the island will presumably be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Stanley Soanes says the church at Fort Simpson, used by the Bishop of McKenzie River, is much like St. George's, Cameron. So if a cathedral church is needed in the new diocese to be formed here, Cameron is not so very far from the centre geographically.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church on Jan. 19th, the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Mrs. T. Walters; Pres., Mrs. Marsh; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Geo. Beall; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. H. Hopkins, Rec. Sec., Mrs. Sisson; Treas., Miss Twamley; Sec. Dorcas Branch, Mrs. Milne; Treas., Mrs. Paddon.

The Gleaners' Union meeting at the home of Mr. W. Grace was a very pleasant and profitable affair, some 50 or 60 being present. Much was learned of the work in Japan, and we trust souls fired with the desire to extend the kingdom of Christ. Mr. Vance acted as chairman and much regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. McNamara through illness, especially as the latter had been Sec. of the G.U. at Stewartown.

There was a small attendance but a good program at the C.E.T.S. meeting on 30th ult. Miss R. Robinson played an instrumental, Harry Soanes gave a recitation, "My dog Jack." The Masters' Pepper sang "Only one daisy left," which was heartily encored. Mr. Frampton said he had been 26 years in Canada without tasting whiskey and then gave an interesting temperance reading on "I wouldn't, would you?" The Sec.'s report showed that there had been 12 meetings during the year, with addresses by Revs. W. McCann, W. L. Armitage and A. Lawrence and Mr. Ross. Seven new members had been added to the roll. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$6.15. The following officers were elected: Vice Pres., Messrs J. H. Knight and L. Archambault; Treas., Miss Twamley; Sec., Mrs. A. Soanes; Executive Committee, Rev. R. McNamara, Messrs J. E. Billingsley, Stoddard, R. Humphreys and W. H. Vance, Mrs. Goldie, Mrs. Champion, Miss B. Browne, Miss B. Walters, Organist, Miss Wingrove.

The present century is by eminence the century of missions. Since primitive times there has been no such systematic and organized efforts as we witness to day to comply with the terms of the great commission. With only a few exceptions our great missionary societies are all less than a hundred years old. As never before believers are honestly trying to carry the Gospel to every creature. Viewed from a merely secular standpoint this is the most chimerical enterprise that was ever undertaken. No language is strong enough to give a just and adequate conception of the difficulties by which it is best. The obstacles that confront missionary work in every part of the world are mountain high, and formidable enough to appal the stoutest hearts. But we are not to look at the matter from a secular standpoint. Faith rests itself upon the divine power and promises, and feels sure of success and victory even when the odds are all against it.—E. E. Hoss, D.D.