

We wish a joyous and happy Christmastide to all our readers.

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Be sure and pay your subscription this month, as we want to end the year free of debt.

On Saturday, Nov. 30th, the Rev. P. T. Rowe, a Canadian by birth, was consecrated Bishop of Alaska.

Take a look through our advertising columns, and then do some of your Christmas shopping with our patrons.

"He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—Rev. 22: 20.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26th, Dr. Barnardo was presented with a purse containing £3,000 (nearly \$15,000) at Exeter Hall, London, in acknowledgement of the good work he has done for destitute children. He deserves it, and will no doubt spend the money to a good purpose.

The anniversary of the opening of St. John's Church, Dunsford, was held on Sunday, Nov. 24th, when large congregations were present. The Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed, of Ottonabee, was the preacher, and was listened to with much attention. We are glad to hear that the offertory amounted to some thirty dollars, which will materially help to reduce the small debt still remaining on the building.

The Churchwardens and Financial Committee feel grateful that the response to their anniversary appeal was so generously met. The "Mite Society" deserve special thanks for their substantial contribution in the ten years that have gone since the church was built. They have in no small degree contributed to its finances, and we trust that all our societies may have a larger measure of sources and prosperity attending their efforts this winter of 1895-96.

The concert by the Young Men's Association on the evening of Thanksgiving day was a very pleasant and successful affair, and a nice little sum was realized to help on the work. . . . The C.E.T.S. also had a very fine programme at their November meeting, and the collection for the piano fund was between eleven and twelve dollars. Both societies felt thankful to those who so kindly assisted in the entertainments, especially to Miss MacDonnell, who came down from Toronto.

CHRISTMAS HYMN:—

"Joy fills our inmost heart to-day,
The Royal Child is born:
And angel hosts in glad array
His Advent keep this morn.
Rejoice, rejoice! The incarnate Word
Has come on earth to dwell;
No sweeter sound than this is heard—
Emmanuel."

Sunday, Nov. 24th, was the tenth anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Septimus Jones, of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, was the preacher morning and evening. There were large congregations. In the morning, taking for his text Mark 13: 34, he pressed home the need of God's people working and watching. "To every man his work" and "Watch." We wish that every one who heard him would go and find out his or her work, and then seek to do it. In the afternoon Mr. Petter preached at the Sunday-school service, at which about 250 were present, and we hope his parting advice to the young people will be remembered. In the evening Mr. Jones preached an impressive and yet essentially practical sermon from Rom. 10: 10. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." The prayers, praises and worship seemed hearty and real, and God seemed to be speaking to the people by His Holy Spirit as well as through his messengers. The special offertory for the Church debt was about as follows: Morning, \$255; afternoon, \$10; evening \$150; total, \$415. On the following Sunday \$16 extra was placed on the plates for this purpose. For all this we thank, first God, the gracious giver, and then those who were co-workers with Him.

The Rector received in November five dollars from "A Friend" near Reboro for work in the McKenzie River Diocese. As we send it forward, we wish there were many more "Friends" like this one.

We need over sixty dollars to square up all the cost of our parish paper before the close of the year, so please see that your subscription is paid either to Miss Goodwin or the rector. Some are several years in arrears.

St. Paul's Church Collections, November, 1895.

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
3	\$27 60	\$ 9 19	\$36 79
10	14 35	7 07	21 42
17	16 05	9 96	26 01
24	15 30	364 45	379 75
	\$73 30	\$390 67	\$463 97

The large collection on the 24th ult. was a special one for the reduction of the church debt. Since then an additional amount has been received, which will be shown in the returns for December.

On November 10th and 11th the Bishop of the Diocese administered confirmation in the Mission of Minden and Stanhope, which for some time has been in charge of Mr. A. Lawrence. There were 31 candidates, which, for that northern country, is a large number; and, as it fell to the lot of the Rector of St. Paul's, Lindsay, to present them to the Bishop, he can bear testimony to their careful preparation. To show that there is growth in our own Diocesan Missions, it may be stated that when the Bishop visited that mission in 1890 there was no service at Gelert: now a nice little church has been built. (It is free of debt, we believe.) The average congregation is 70. Fourteen persons, 8 men and 6 women, received the apostolic rite of confirmation, and between 20 and 30 gathered at the Lord's table. At Minden there was a large congregation, and 13 were confirmed. The drive to the northern church at Maple Lake was one of about 17 miles, and one wondered as he drove between woods and water where the congregation would come from; but there, on a week day, were 50 people (about the average Sunday congregation), and 20 joined in the Holy Communion. For such tokens of growth one must thank God, and we should do what we can to cheer and help the men who, through all kinds of weather and roads, take these long drives to minister to the spiritual needs of our fellow Churchmen in the new parts of our diocese.

A very interesting Archdeaconal Conference was held at Peterboro on November 27th and 28th, Ven. Archdeacon Allen presiding. Some twenty-five of the clergy were present. The Rev. J. C. Roper gave some very helpful and encouraging, as well as heart-searching words to the clergy at the devotional services. "The state of the Church in the Parishes and Missions of our Archdeaconry," from financial and numerical standpoints, was ably dealt with in a paper by the Rev. Rural Dean W. C. Allen, followed by carefully prepared addresses by Canon Harding and Rev. C. H. Webb. The spiritual side of the question was discussed in a paper by Rev. G. Warren, and followed by addresses. We wish we had space for an extended summary of the proceedings, but can only say that the subjects selected "Christian Education in the Public Schools" (and the unanimous feeling was that there should be more in our schools in Ontario) "Sunday School Education," and "Order and Liberty in the Services and Work of the Church," were discussed in a most helpful and profitable manner, and we are sure that lasting good will result from the conference. The Rev. Canon Sprague, of Coloung, was the preacher at the evening service. . . . The ladies of St. John's Church on the first day, and St. Luke's, Ashburnham, on the second, kindly provided lunch, and the speeches at the lunch were not the least interesting of the gathering; that of Mr. John Burnham, M.P., in referring to how much the church in this archdeaconry owed to the Ven. Archdeacon Allen, was most apt and appropriate. Few clergymen have been as willing to give their time and energies, not only for their own parish, but for the weaker parishes and missions, than the Rector of Cavan during the last forty years, and few parishes have sent out more zealous and faithful Churchmen to open up the new parts of this country, than Millbrook and Cavan.