

A happy and useful New Year to all our readers.

There were encouraging congregations in the parish of Omamee and Emily on Christmas Day, and the offertory amounted to \$39.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4: 12.

\$250 a year will enable a congregation to have their own missionary in Western China where the Rev. J. A. Hickman who lately addressed us has been working.

We congratulate Mr. Fred Hopkins on passing such a successful examination at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and are pleased to know that he is now eligible for a captaincy in the volunteers.

The Queen's New Year's message to the troops in South Africa was sent to every general. It ran thus: "I wish you and all my brave soldiers a Happy New Year. God protect and bless you all."

We know that some of our readers make a point of trading, at least in part, with those whose cards are found in our advertising columns. We would advise all who can at the beginning of the year to give our patrons a call.

Miss Vera Dyer has entered upon her duties as assistant teacher at the school at Powles Corners, and so will not only be nearer home, but able also to be a frequent worshipper at St. George's church, Cameron, where she will be gladly welcomed.

The Rev. R. McNamara paid his farewell visit to Cameron and Cambray on Christmas Day, and we trust his words (both there and in Lindsay) will long be remembered and lead to fruit bearing for God. At Cambray Miss Smith, sister of the Rev. Carl Smith, sang very acceptably a solo.

We regret to learn of the serious and painful accident that happened to the Rev. H. J. Bourne, of Essonville, through the kick of a horse. It is hoped that in a week or two he will be able to resume his duties again. Mr. Shannon, a student from Wycliffe College, spent the holidays assisting Mr. Bourne in his extensive mission.

Mr. Lithgow, for a long time superintendent of St. John's church Sunday school, Dunsford, has moved to Bobcaygeon, and Mr. Burgess is taking his place in the school. Before leaving Mr. Lithgow was presented with an address and a substantial token of the esteem in which he was held by the Dunsford people.

Mr. Bert Lamont, who has for some years been a member of the choir, has gone to Belleville to live. Before his departure the young men's class in St. Paul's S.S. presented him with a beautiful Bible. We hope it will be well studied, for any young man who seeks God's grace to fashion his life according to the teachings of His word is sure of the highest success and usefulness.

The Rev. R. McNamara was to enter upon his duties at Gagetown, New Brunswick, on the first Sunday in Jan. (7th inst.) Many, we are sure, will follow him and Mrs. McNamara in their prayers, and wish them richest blessing in their work. Gagetown is on the St. John river about half way between St. Johns and Fredericton, and seems to be the county town of Queens County.

The Christmas offertory was: St. Paul's, \$25.17 and \$2 for church debt; Cameron, \$4.80; Cambray, \$3.25; for which hearty thanks are returned.

In the month ending Dec. 9th the church missionary society received \$34,588 in legacies alone. How many of us remember God's work when making our wills?

Harriett May, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who died, was taken to St. John's cemetery, Port Hope, on Dec. 15th, and buried by the Rev. E. Daniel.

We have already received several new subscribers to Parish and Home this year. Many can help a good work in this way. It is good for the paper and good for the family into which it goes.

The Rev. George E. Lloyd, M.A., has been appointed by the bishop of the diocese as missionary to Cameron, etc., and assistant in Lindsay, and will (D.V.) enter upon his duties in January.

Mr. A. F. Barr, B.A., has been home for the holidays and assisted the rector in the services at St. Paul's on Christmas day and the two last Sundays of 1899. He is a clear, distinct reader, and we trust a very useful life lies before him.

Mr. George Hunt, who has been ill nearly ever since he came to Lindsay last May, died on Jan. 3rd, and was taken to Elmville, County of Simcoe, for interment. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved widow and family.

A lady sending in her subscription to Parish and Home says, "I have decided with the New Year to give my tenth to the Lord." If all God's people did this how his cause would be helped forward, and what a reflex blessing both the church and the givers would receive. Reader, try it.

In St. John's church, Emily, the offertory on the last Sunday of 1899 was for the church debt, and amounted to \$118.10, which rather more than wiped out the indebtedness of \$112. We congratulate the Rev. E. A. Langfeldt, the churchwardens, and people on having one more "House of God" in this deservingly free of debt.

Mrs. Keeve, whose burial notice appeared in our last issue, was at one time organist of St. Paul's church, and will be well remembered by many of the earlier worshippers there. Latterly she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Schindler, in Toronto, and after much suffering passed away to her long home on Nov. 27th.

Among our holiday visitors formerly connected with St. Paul's we were pleased to see the Misses Holtorf, Alexander, Carter, Alda Sylvester, Josie Perkins, Russell and others. Also Messrs. A. Archambault, Geo. Beall, B. Lamont, and Drs. Coulter and Walters. It is pleasant to see our young people who have left Lindsay back home again even for a short time.

The Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment on Dec. 27th, was as usual a great success, the attendance was large, the good things provided most satisfying to hungry young people—the entertainment better than usual, and as for the tree, only the children could do it full justice. Mr. Sisson (the superintendent) presided, the Rev. Geo. E. Lloyd and the rector joined him in saying a few words of encouragement and advice. We trust the young peoples' thankfulness, as well as sense of duty, will lead them to be very regular in attendance this winter.