

interesting selections. Mrs. Roberts kindly presided at the organ.

Rev. H. Jekill, travelling missionary for Salrevois (or work among the French Canadians), visited Lindsay in January, preaching in St. Paul's on 15th ult. He collected \$44.75, being a little more than last year.

In a letter from Japan Rev. H. J. Hamilton says: "I like the looks of our Christians very much; among them are several young men who give good promise of being useful Christian workers. The work is on a good basis and from what I have seen promises well." Mr. Hamilton has not yet been able to get a residential passport permitting him to settle in Nagoya, so he has to live as a traveller at a hotel there.

We congratulate the Presbyterians of St. Andrew's church on having paid off over \$4,000 of their debt during the past year, and also on having given over \$1,000 to missionary work. Church people should be even more liberal than their neighbors. Our year ends at Easter, let us try and be faithful in this matter of giving so that we may make a good report then.

The Sunday school at Coldwater has more than doubled in attendance within the last 18 months. The Rev. J. H. Sheppard, incumbent of the mission, received a visit from some of his country parishioners a short time ago, who brought a load of hay, 19 bags of oats, wood, flour, potatoes, pork, beef etc., quite an old-fashioned "donation party," but none the less pleasant and acceptable.

On Christmas day, 1889, Rev. J. C. Robison baptized the first convert in connection with Wycliffe Missions in Japan; since then he has baptized 26 others. A few weeks ago he baptized three men, two of whom at one time were among the most bitter opponents of Christianity and work in Nagoya. Let us thank God for this fruit, and send forth the word to many others.

Lent begins this month. We trust our people will use it as a means to draw them nearer God, spending more time in communion with Him in prayer, study of the Word, attending His house, denying themselves for the sake of others, and the extension of God's kingdom. Let us practice some self-denial and give the sums saved to the missions or the church debt, or relief of those in need.

Rev. W. McCann was presented by the Association with a beautiful Prayer Book, and Mr. and Mrs. McCann with a pair of honey spoons. The chairman and Mr. Murtagh made the presentations in a few suitable words, while Mr. McCann replied, thanking the givers, and referring to the pleasant memories of his sojourn in Lindsay. Coffee and cake were served during intermission, and we were pleased to see the kindly social spirit manifested. Such reunions do good.

A minister of another church speaks as follows of our Book of Common Prayer:—"Every one who read it must admire and love it, and venerate the church which has produced it. Its Christian breath, its deep spirituality, its adaption to the uses of all who profess and call themselves Christians, its unsectarian

character, excluding, as it does, all forms of sectarian controversy—all these make the book of Common Prayer an ideal agent for winning the regard of Christian people for the church to which its belongs." So we say, next to your Bible, use and cherish your Prayer Book, and show its beauties to others.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society was held on January 30th, with a good attendance. The report of the Secretary showed that eleven meetings had been held and thirty new members added during the year. The total membership is now about three hundred and fifty. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$26.57 after meeting the expenses of the year. The following officers were elected: President, the Rector; First Vice President, Mr. J. H. Knight; 2nd Vice President, M. H. Sisson; Secretary, J. L. Perkins; Treasurer, Miss S. E. Twamley; Executive, Miss Deacon, Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Stephenson, Miss B. Browne, Mrs. Soanes, Robt. Hannah, Jas. Corley, Mr. Bray, L. Archambault. There was a short program and five new members were added to the roll.

Offertory for January:—

		Envelopes	Loose	Total
Jan.	1	\$17 25	\$9 50	\$26 75
	8	19 10	7 52	26 62
	15	22 17	7 79	29 96
	22	39 30	11 52	50 82
	29	15 40	5 50	20 90
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MISSIONS: Foreign. Epiphany.—Relief Russian Jews, \$8; Wycliffe, Japan, 12.25; Algoma, \$1; General, \$8.28—\$29.53 Missions from Reaboro, \$2.50; missions from Currin's, 76 cents. Diocesan—Currin's, \$1.35. Parochial Missionary Association—January, (\$5 for Home Missions), \$7.45—\$41.59.

We are glad to see that the wardens and congregation disapprove of smoking—especially by furnaces—and that steps are being taken to put new heaters in the church. Some who have lately shed many tears will now rejoice. While on the subject of smoking we would say to all boys under twenty-one, don't do it. Smoking tobacco, for growing boys, is bad for body and mind. Then it costs money, and it looks bad to see a young fellow who cannot even grow a moustache, with a cigar or cigarette in his mouth. Boys' wait until you are twenty-one, or if already started, give it up at least during Lent; then give the church wardens what you save to help them get furnaces that do not smoke and at Easter tell us what you think about it.

The Sunday school tea, drive and entertainment on Jan. 20th was a great success. Nineteen sleighs took part in the procession, filled with scholars and friends, with flying banners and bells ringing, and if the Superintendent had been elected M.P. for both the Victorias, the scholars could scarcely have cheered more lustily, or waved their flags more enthusiastically. Tea was prepared at the school-house, and after singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," some two or three hundred scholars, with appetites made keen by the drive, did full justice to the good things provided. Then from 7 to 9 the entertainment lasted and was much enjoyed, and "God Save the Queen" brought a happy afternoon to a close. The friends who so kindly sent their teams are specially thanked; the only