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WE wish our readers every blessing for Christmas time and the New Year. Our Fourth Volume will commence with the year 1890. We shall be glad to have prompt renewals of subscriptions. The success of the Magazine has been great. Next month we shall be obliged to print over SIX THOUSAND COPIES, which shows how rapid has been the growth of our periodical in the favor of Church people in Canada.

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REV. MR. RENISON, of the Nepigon Mission, Diocese of Algoma, had the great misfortune of losing his newly-built house by fire. Kind friends ought to render this hard-working missionary some assistance in re-building his sorely needed abode.

THE Rev. J. M. Baldwin has left Toronto to do missionary work in Japan.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE REV. G. M. ARMSTRONG.

BY A GRATEFUL PARISHIONER.*

Amid the Prophet's "goodly host"
Fresh notes of praise resound,
For another soul redeem'd by Christ
Within their ranks is found.

On earth—through God's abounding grace,
"Salvation" was his theme,
An able "minister of Christ"—
To follow Him his aim.

Early and late he sought to lead
His flock to Jesus feet,
And many now in Paradise
His "perfect" spirit greet.

The widow and the fatherless
Were his especial care:
The joys and sorrows of his flock
It was his wont to share.

The children, too, were sure to hear
A loving word from him,
His kindly ways a brightness brought
To eyes with sadness dim.

In him the Master's love shone forth,
The "whole world" was his scope,—
To Jew and heathen he would send
The Gospel news of hope.

And now the heavenly rest is gained—
The upward struggle o'er!
God grant that *we* through grace may reach
Where he hath gone before.

—J. R. B.

ALL HE KNEW.

If Christianity is sometimes assailed in the popular novels of the day, it is comforting to know that it is often defended and its strength and vital power exhibited in the same manner. It cannot be doubted that works of fiction are a tremendous power either for good or evil, and when they are used for good the preacher should rejoice, for they reach where his voice cannot be heard.

In "Lippincott's Monthly Magazine" for December there is a pretty little tale, simply told, of the power of Christianity, by John Habberton, the author of "Helen's Babies." Sam Kimper, a worthless "jail bird," was reached in penitentiary by an evangelist of quiet common sense, who told him about Jesus Christ and the life He led, and gave him a New Testament to read. The sweet and pure life was a charm to the poor creature and he resolved to commence life anew and all in accordance with the life of "the Jesus of the Gospel," and his struggle to do this, with his own family, with his former evil associates, with the officers of "the church" (Methodist), how utterly alone he was left in his struggle, with poverty's gaunt form continually before him and his difficulty to get work because "he had been a convict," are all told with simple and touching power. He never went beyond what he knew as to the power of Jesus

*Written at the time of his death.