

The articles on "Charles Simeon," by Rural Dean Armistage, and "Fiction," by Rev. Dyson Hague, written for Parish and Home, appear in the January number of The Churchman's Magazine, of London, England.

The services of the Week of Prayer were well attended this year, and, as an evidence of practical Christianity a collection of about \$50 was taken up to help relieve the suffering from hunger and want in Newfoundland.

Mrs. Joseph Hawkins, whose death we chronicle in this number, and whose loss we mourn, some time ago gave the Rector \$40 for Missionary work. May her thoughtful act spur some others up to seek to make God's love known far and wide.

The Women's Auxiliary to Missions hold their semi-annual meeting in Lindsay on Tuesday, February 12th. About 90 outside delegates are expected. Be sure and attend the service at St. Paul's Church at 10 a.m., and the meeting in the schoolroom in the evening of that day.

It took 24 turkeys and ten huge plum puddings for the Christmas dinner at the Washakada Indian Home, Elkhorn, Manitoba. The children also had a Christmas tree and there were gifts for over one hundred. The birthday of our Saviour now brings kind remembrances as well as "glad tidings" to these dusky children of the west.

At Mengo, the capital of Uganda, a monthly Missionary meeting is held, at which a Bible reading, Scripture addresses and short speeches by men from the surrounding country are given, and a collection taken up. At a recent meeting the collection consisted of 2 goats, 13 fowls, 3 eggs, 54 bundles of plantains and sweet potatoes, one stick of sugar cane, 2 bark cloths, 27½ yards of calico, 9,511 shells. On Saturday a cow and an ox were given to the church collection as a result of this meeting.

A strange church edifice has been built by the Rev. E. J. Peck, Mr. Parker, and their Esquimo friends, at Cumberland Sound, in our far North-eastern Canada. The frame is made of the rib bones of whales joined together, and is covered with skins. It is twenty feet long and was opened on Sunday, October 7th, 1894. In writing they speak of it as "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness." In what strange places our God is worshipped, and how His Gospel is being carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. Truly His words cannot fail.

On Monday evening, January 31st, the C.E.T.S. held their annual meeting and elected the following officers for the following year:—Pres., Rev. C. H. Marsh; 1st vice, Mr. J. H. Knight; 2nd vice, Mr. J. L. Perkins; hon. vice, Rev. C. S. Smith; sec., Mr. Leigh, R. Knight; treas., Miss Twamley; executive committee, Messrs. Archambault, Henry Bell, George H. Johnston, Stanley Soanes, Humphereys, Billingsby and Gibson; Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Soanes, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Miss Annie Walters, Miss B. Deacon, hon. A capital programme was furnished.

The Rev. T. J. Marsh nearly lost his life this autumn in the waters of Great Slave Lake. We have not yet heard full particulars, but the young Indian, who was with him perished and Mr. Marsh was for a time unconscious. When he regained consciousness a couple of Indians were hugging and holding him before the fire to try and put warmth in him, and were doing all in their power. God has graciously spared him, and we trust will for years make him useful among these dusky dwellers in the far north.

Two Missionary meetings were held during January. At the first one on Wednesday, 6th, Mr. Percy Soanes, who hopes to go out as a missionary in the near future, gave a very interesting address. Mrs. Frank Goodwin, who was visiting relatives, kindly favored us with a song. At the meeting on the 20th, a very interesting programme was rendered. The Rector read a letter from the Bishop of McKenzie River, giving an account of the work in the diocese.

The Rev. T. J. Marsh in a letter to the Rector, says: "I am writing to ever so many of your parishioners, this post, to thank them for their share in those three bales you sent from St. Paul's. I don't think I should say there was one useless thing, although I have not given the dolls away. The children have so much out-door life in this country that I fancy the poor dolls would get left outside some night and actually freeze to death, so I just keep them where they are comfortable. You will please thank everybody concerned most heartily from me." He also said, "I wanted to write and thank everybody whom I personally knew for their kind remembrances in the bale, but only managed a few." On Dec. 4th he writes, "I start for Fort Simpson to-morrow, a 240 mile walk each way."

The Bishop of McKenzie River, in his annual letter, received a few days ago, says: "St. Peter's Mission, Hay River, our latest enterprise, is one of the bright spots in the diocese. It was opened only last year, but the Indians already seem to love their missionary, the Rev. T. J. Marsh, have rallied round him, and have shown their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf by their regular attendance at the Sunday services, his little room nearly always being full to overflowing. I spent a week there at the end of August and was much cheered by what I saw. A good substantial log house has been erected, and another building to serve as church and school is to be put up as soon as possible. Several of the young men have learned to read the syllabics, and we hope much more progress will be made this winter, as I have sent my lay helper, Mr. Webb, to assist in the teaching and to aid Mr. Marsh in his other multifarious duties."

The Orillia Packet says: "On Monday evening St. James' schoolroom was filled to the doors. Mr. Robinson gave a most interesting lecture on Japan and the Japanese. The lecture was illustrated with the aid of a magic lantern which, though not powerful, made the pictures clear. Mr. Robinson's thorough familiarity with his subject enabled him to give a large amount of information in the short time at his disposal. He spoke in an easy conversational way, describing each picture as it appeared on the canvas. The manners and customs of these highly polished and energetic Easterners, their country and scenery, their government and rulers, were all vividly portrayed. Nor did Mr. Robinson fail to mention their religious and moral condition, to dispel some popular illusions and show the need of Christian missions amongst them. The lecturer closed with an appeal for more workers and expressed the hope that he might be able to take back with him some volunteers when returning next autumn. Women particularly were needed, for though the women of Japan were not shut up like their sisters in India, it was almost impossible for male missionaries to reach them. The collection amounted to over \$18. Mr. Robinson exhibited a number of curiosities and answered many questions at the close of the meeting, which was one of the most pleasant gatherings held in St. James' for a long time." Mr. Robinson is expected to visit Lindsay, Reaboro, Cameron and Cambray this winter.