

Twice as many copies of the parish paper are published now as at the beginning of 1894.

We congratulate the Presbyterians in the Dominion on raising \$112,673.89 for Foreign Missions last year.

The Letter Leaflet of the W.A. made a profit of \$110 last year, which was devoted to the work of missions.

We regret that two of our church people, Mr. McGaffey and Mr. Garrett, have been heavy losers by fire lately.

A few weeks ago the Ladies of All Saints' Church, Cannington, sent a bale of clothing, etc., containing about 65 articles, to the Rev. Chas. Weaver, who is working among the Indians at Wabiskow, Athabasca diocese.

The driest place in the world is that of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travellers when told that water can fall from the sky.--[Jewish Intelligencer.

Bishop Bompas, of Se'kirk, near Alaska, tells of 500 fresh miners arriving in his diocese last spring. The Colonial and Continental Church Society has made a grant of £100 for a missionary. It is hoped a man will go from Toronto.

Sir Mackenzie Bawell is the first Methodist to fill the Canadian Premier's chair. Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir John Abbott were members of the Church of England, while Mr. Mackenzie was, we believe, a Baptist, and Sir John Thompson a Catholic.

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Miss H. E. G. Vicars, a daughter of the late Rev. Johnstone Vicars, has been engaged by the "London Society" to do Missionary work among the Jews in Toronto under the guidance of the Rev. J. J. Hill, Canadian secretary. Let us follow her with our prayers that God may bless his ancient people in Canada and lead many to know Christ as their Messiah and Saviour.

During December the Little Girls' Sewing Class, through Miss Deacon and Miss R. Dunsford, gave \$20, and the Dorcas Branch of the W. A., \$16, through Mrs. Goodwin, for the Church Debt, to which the Mite Society is adding enough to make it up to \$100 and so reduce the debt by that amount. What would the Church (as well as the world at large) do without the ladies?

A former Vice-President of our Young Men's Association, who is now teaching at Auburn, County of Huron, in renewing his subscription to the parish paper kindly sent \$5, the balance of which (\$4.60), we are to "use for any purpose in connection with the Y. M. A." The young men will appreciate this kind remembrance, and while making good use of the money, wish him every blessing in his new home.

The monthly Missionary meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. A very good programme was rendered. Mrs. Marsh read a most interesting letter from a lady missionary in China, which gave a full account of their work among the people. It seems as though the way for greater missionary effort is being opened up in that land with its terming millions of human souls. As it is, God gives the opportunity, let us beware lest we be negligent of our share in the evangelization of these people. Mr. Petter gave a very interesting account of one of the farewell meetings to out-going missionaries in Exeter Hall, London. He also spoke upon some of the essentials for a true missionary spirit in the Church.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Westney, formerly of Uxbridge, is again able to take duty and preach, after his long illness.

Owing to drought during the last two or three years, hundreds of families in Nebraska are said to be in a destitute condition.

The Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, is visiting Eastern Canada in the interests of the missionary work of the diocese of Rupert's Land (Manitoba).

About one hundred people attended the short service on New Year's morning, at which Mr. H. Petter gave a very instructive and helpful address.

Don't forget at the beginning of the year to take a look through our advertising columns, and then when out shopping sometimes drop in and see our patrons.

We regret to see the Toronto World trying so hard to publish a Sunday newspaper, and so make a number more people work on the Lord's day. It never pays in the long run to break God's commands.

The "Greater Britain Messenger" says: "During the present year (1894) upwards of 4,000 immigrants have settled in the northern part of the diocese of Calgary." We should follow them with the ministry of the word.

The Orillia Packet says: "The Rev. Canon Greene is ill of diphtheria, contracted no doubt in the performance of his pastoral duties. Many prayers for his speedy recovery will be offered." Lindsay friends will unite their petitions to the many others sent up to the throne of grace.

It is estimated that about a quarter of a million Jewish people emigrated from Russia last year. The new Czar seems disposed to treat this people more humanely. The famous saying of Frederick the Great, that no one ever touched the Jews without smarting for it, seems true.

The Christmas services were bright and joyous, befitting such a happy occasion, and were well attended, especially in the town. The offertory was as follows: St. Paul's, \$53.00; Reaboro, \$2.57; Cambray, \$1.32; Cameron \$2.50. The clergy return heartfelt thanks and pray that God may bless the people more and more.

Mr. H. Beecham, one of the senior students at St. John's College, Winnipeg, who was visiting his parents near Cambray, took duty at Cameron and Cambray and preached in St. Paul's Church, Lindsay on the last Sunday in December. He gives promise of being an earnest and able messenger in the great work to which he is called.

Last Thursday week there was a concert given in St. Paul's Church schoolroom, when a capital programme was gone through. Refreshments, supplied by the ladies of the parish, were served in the interval of the two parts. The platform was very prettily decorated by Mr. McGaffey and Mr. Robert Pilkie. Owing to the severity of the weather there were not so many present as what we should have liked, but notwithstanding the small attendance the sum of nearly \$7 was realized and the proceeds will be given towards a supply of new hymn books for the schoolroom. We hope to have another concert of a similar kind on February 8th, when Mr. Petty, with several other well known adult singers, have promised to take part. It is to be hoped that all who can will make a special effort to be present.