

The C.E.T.S. meeting on Feb. 25th was very interesting. Several of the members of the executive, Messrs. Knight, Billingsley, H. Bell, G. H. Johnston and Archambault, gave short addresses. Mr. Petter also gave some helpful words, and there was a pleasing programme.

Lent is here—let us spend a little more time in the study of God's word, in prayer, private and public. Let us deny ourselves something for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Be more thoughtful for the needs of others, and we would suggest that those who have not been laying aside a definite proportion of their earnings, or income, for God's cause, would give at least a tenth during lent. If we really draw nigh to God in faith, prayer and obedience, He will through Christ give us a rich blessing.

The 26th anniversary of St. John's Church, Port Hope, was celebrated the second week in February by a social gathering of the congregation on Thursday, February 7th, and special services on Sunday the 10th, when the Rev Canon Mockridge, D.D., of Toronto, was the preacher. Archdeacon Allen, Judge Benson and Mr. John Smart gave some reminiscences of the beginnings of the church building. During the 26 years some \$28,000 have been spent on the church buildings, only a small debt remaining.

St. Paul's Church Collections February, 1895.

	Envelopes	Loose	Total.
3	\$32 05	\$ 9 55	\$41 60
10	11 50	8 69	20 19
17	19 25	10 70	29 95
24	12 50	8 61	21 11
	\$75 30	\$37 55	\$112 85

Will all worshippers of St. Paul's look at the record of our Sunday offerings. We need \$40 a week. When the average is less than that let us all try and give a few cents extra the following Sundays.

The concert that was postponed on Feb. 8th owing to the unusual severity of the weather, was held on Thursday, 14th, and though the original programme had to be somewhat altered owing to Mr. Petty's absence and others from previous engagements and sickness, the evening's entertainment was carried through with a brightness that was worthy of the appreciation that it brought forth. Miss Fox's class of singers, the "Sunflower," by a chorus of ten voices, and a march composed of 12 singers, elicited great enthusiasm. The platform was very beautifully decorated by the kind assistance of some ladies with drapery and plants. Mr. J. H. Knight very ably filled the chair. We hope to have another concert after Lent, when we trust the room will be crowded to the doors.

The Young Men's Association held their annual reception on Friday, 22nd ult., Mr. Sisson (the President) being chairman. After a short opening service, asking God's blessing upon the work of the society and the church, and a short address of welcome from the President, Mrs. Pilkie, Miss Leary, Mr. Lamont and Mr. Petty kindly sang, while Miss E. Dingle and Mr. Petter gave instrumentals. Miss Ella Twamley also recited, and about a hour was given to social intercourse, during which refreshments were served. The young men appreciated very much the kindness of those who gave the programme, as did also the audience, if we may judge from the rounds of applause that greeted many of the selections. Such

evenings we are sure do good and help to bind the congregation together, as well as being a welcome to new comers.

We are glad to hear that the Rev. F. J. Steen, of Berlin, who preached in St. Paul's in November last, is extending the church work. About four weeks ago he started a church service in Waterloo and already there is some talk of putting up a building for a Sunday school, and a new church is not very far distant.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house."—Is. 58: 6, 7.

The Rural Deanery of Durham met at St. John's Church rectory, Port Hope, on Feb. 7th and 8th. There were present the venerable Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rural Dean Creighton, the Rev. Rooney, of Perrytown, W. Allen, of Millbrook, McCann, of Omeme, Marsh and Smith, of Lindsay. It was decided to invite laymen from the various parishes to attend the next meeting, which will be held in Lindsay on May 16th and 17th. A portion of Greek Testament was read and commented upon, and an informal discussion upon church matters in the diocese took place.

The Orillia Packet says:—"Every number of Night and Day is interesting, because Dr. Barnardo's work goes on unceasingly, and the doors are never shut day or night. Yet there is no sameness in the recital of cases, but wonderful variations of misery in the objects taken in, who average eight every day. The Homes number eighty-two, and shelter, feed, clothe and train five thousand children. Dr. Barnardo must be a remarkable man, as the management of the multifarious work would seem beyond the powers of any one person. Though help comes from many quarters, the supply never equals the demand."

The Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary held their semi-annual meeting in Lindsay on Tuesday, 12th Feb. Over 50 delegates from Toronto and the surrounding branches were present and seemed to enjoy their visit. Holy Communion was administered in the church at 10.30 a.m., with an address by Rev. W. Cooper, of Campbellford. At 2 p.m. the members re-assembled in the schoolhouse for a business meeting. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Diocesan President, Mrs. Williamson, the chair was taken by the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings. After several short opening addresses, brief reports of the work done were given by the branches, followed by a beautiful address on "Women's Influence," by Mrs. Tilley, of London, Ont. Then came four short papers on the working of the Parochial Missionary Association, after which the meeting adjourned. An excellent tea was provided in the basement, which was partaken of by over 150. At 8 o'clock a public Missionary Meeting was held. The chair was taken by venerable Archdeacon Allen, who welcomed the visitors to Lindsay in a short address. The Rector also spoke a few words of welcome. Addresses were given by Rev. A. H. Wright, for many years a missionary in the diocese of Saskatchewan, and Rev. H. Symonds, of Ashburnham, whose sister is now working on the Blackfoot Reserve near Calgary, and who gave an account of his visit there last summer.