

purpose there were coupons sent out to every reader, on which they were to record and return their votes. This week the result is announced as follows: Highest vote, Miss Catharine Franklin; 2nd, Arthur Lawrence (both of our Alderville Indian School); 3rd, Miss Lizzie McKay, Woodstock. Those three writers were each presented with what is called "the subscribers' prize," a copy of a beautiful gilt-bound volume, "Songs of the Great Dominion," selected and edited by William Douw Lighthall, M.A., of Montreal. Of course, we feel highly honored that in our Alderville Indian School we should obtain two out of the three prizes offered to competitors of the whole Dominion.

JOHN LAWRENCE.

**Alderville.**—Though not a reader of your paper myself, I would like to beg the privilege of saying a few words in its columns concerning our Alderville Indian Mission, or rather that part of it known as the work done in the day-school. Our present missionary and teacher, Rev. John Lawrence, is very successful in every department of the work, and our children all prize him as a teacher of marked efficiency. During the past winter he has had fifty-four names on the school-roll, many of them large young men and women of the band, from twenty to thirty years of age. On the opening of the spring and summer work, however, many of them have to leave the school for the present, which they very much regret. Before doing so, however, they felt they must in some way express their appreciation of their teacher. This they did by getting him up a genuine surprise party, on the evening of Thursday, 17th April, at which they presented him with a beautiful address, read by one of his Indian scholars, accompanied by an excellent new watch, an Appleton-Tracy movement in a silver case. The evening was spent in singing and social conversation, at the close of which all left, feeling they had done an act which afforded both them and their teacher much satisfaction and pleasure.

WM. LUKES, *Sec. of Indian Council.*

## Facts and Illustrations.

GAMBLING is almost universal in China, especially among women.

THE Greek Church has in Japan 150 organized churches, with a membership of 17,025.

OUT of 11,507 pupils enrolled in the Christian College at Lucknow, India, 2,027 are Christians.

"BLESS the missionaries, and do not let them think our hearts are too hard to change," was the touching prayer of a little African girl.

THE Cherokee maidens of Tahlequah, Indian territory, are reported as taking an active and successful interest in the temperance Demorest medal contests.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED Jews are said to leave the synagogue every year—for Christianity, or infidelity. There are now 3,000 Christian Jews in Great Britain.

THE prayer of a Japanese senator, who afterwards gave his life to evangelistic work, before conversion was, "O God, if Thou dost exist, reveal Thyself to me."

GET A SUBSTITUTE.—A young man in Union Theological Seminary, New York, said he could not go to the foreign field, but would pay \$500 a year for a substitute.

KOREA has only twenty-four missionaries, including new comers, or about one to every 500,000 people. Some of the missionaries there are praying for twenty more during 1890.

THE power to hate truly what is evil must be involved in the power to love truly what is good, and must, indeed, usually precede the growth of the highest kind of love.—*Newman.*

"ONLY three things to keep men from the mission field: first, ignorance of the need; second, selfishness, and third, exemption." Reader, if you are not excused, you had better go or send.

THE Gustavus Adolphus Society, to carry the Gospel into Catholic countries, last year received \$230,000, or \$5,600,000 since 1832. The Society has had 1,144 applications for aid from Roman Catholic countries.

PROF. LANSING, of the Reformed Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N.J., who is a fine Arabic scholar, has offered to associate himself with three of the students of that seminary, for the purpose of doing missionary work in some Arabic-speaking country.

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