

The C. E. T. S. invite you to their Excursion to Sturgeon Point and Fenelon Falls on the 24th.

The hot summer days will soon be here, and lazy Christians will be tempted to loaf away the Lord's day. Loyal servants will be found regularly in the house of prayer.

The Rev. Canon Brent, who for forty-two years had been rector of Newcastle, died early in April, and so one by one pass away the early settlers in this part of our fair country.

The Parish of Cannington and Beaverton raised for all church work from Easter, 1894, to Easter, 1895, \$1,965.60—a very good showing, indeed. May their zeal and liberality stir up others.

The Provostship of Trinity College, Toronto, has been accepted by the Rev. Edward Ashhurst Welch, M. A., Vicar of the church of the Venerable Bede, Gateshead, diocese of Durham, England.

Dr. Reazin gave an instructive address on "Medical Missions" at St. Paul's school house on April 10th. He expects to leave for the far North West early in May to work among the Chippewyan Indians.

Notwithstanding the hard times the C. M. S. received this message from Ireland: "I send you the joyful news that we are £2,700 better than last year, and I know of nothing to have caused this except the working of the spirit of God."

The Rev. J. M. Baldwin, of Japan, tells of thousands of copies of portions of the word of God being distributed to the soldiers. Both officers and men as a rule gladly receive them. One day they distributed some 1075 copies among the members of the engineer corps and the 7th regiment at Nagoya. Who can tell what the result may be of such scattering of portions of the living word. By a later report we find that 2,000 copies were distributed in a single day, and permission has been granted to send several Japanese evangelists to the front as Christian workers for the army.

The annual Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Easter Monday, April 15th. The attendance was better than usual, but not what it should have been. It is to be regretted that more members of the congregation do not think it their duty to attend these meetings. After prayers the various statistics of the parish were given by the rector. The minutes of last meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. McGaffey presented the Churchwarden's Financial Report which showed the following:

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| Receipts—Ordinary.....      | \$2,425 69 |
| Special.....                | 766 68     |
| Non Parochial Purposes..... | 319 07     |
| Total.....                  | \$3,511 44 |
| Expenditure—Ordinary.....   | \$2,630 29 |
| Special.....                | 504 50     |
| Non Parochial.....          | 349 07     |
| Total.....                  | \$3,513 86 |
| Balance on hand.....        | \$ 27 58   |

The floating debt appeared to have been slightly reduced, while the mortgage debt was lessened by \$200. The floating debt now is about \$1,060, and the mortgage debt, \$10,250. The reports of the various societies were read and adopted. The election of Officers was proceeded with, and in the matter of People's Warden the Vestry decided to vote by ballot. Mr. Sisson was declared duly elected, and Mr. McGaffey was re-appointed by the rector. The names of the other officers will be found on our front page. The Vestry then adjourned for two weeks to receive the Auditors Report. At the adjourned meeting, April 29th, the report of the Auditors, Messrs. Knight and Dingle, stating that the accounts had been found correct, was read and adopted. After some discussion the meeting adjourned.

Not a few of our readers will be glad to hear that at the annual vestry of St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on Easter Monday, the stipend of the Rev. N. J. Perry was increased by \$200, making it now \$1,000 a year. His work must be appreciated.

The rector preached at St. Luke's Church, Peterboro, on Wednesday, April 3rd, for Rev. H. Symonds. One thing he remarked was the number of leading men present at the week-night service setting a good example to the younger people.

On one Sunday in January, 1894, the Rev. J. E. Padfield baptised 45 adults and 40 children (85 in all) at a village in Southern India. So from "India's coral strand" men and women are being won in ever increasing numbers to Christ.

A family in which there are a number of children the other day brought back their Missionary box, and on opening it there was found 84 coppers beside several 5 cent pieces. It is a good thing to see young people ready to even deny themselves candy sometimes to help God's work.

Before leaving for British Columbia Mrs. Lang was presented with a beautiful silver tea set. We trust she may be long spared to use it. She desired us to thank, through the parish paper, all who so kindly remembered her in this and other ways, and all who came to the station to wish her God speed on her long journey. It will be a long, long time before Mrs. Lang's years of faithful and loving service in this parish are forgotten, and the influence therefrom will never die. The Sunday School presented Miss Carrie Lang with two of Ruskin's Works and a copy of Tennyson's poems. The Choir also gave Mrs. McClure a beautiful hymn book 'ere she too had to leave our church and choir. We are glad to say that the Churchwardens, on behalf of themselves and others, presented Miss Leary with \$50 in gold as an Easter remembrance in acknowledgement of her faithful services as organist of St. Paul's.

#### Vestry Meetings.

CAMERON.—The annual Vestry Meeting of St. George's church was held on Monday, 22nd instant. The Financial Statement of the Wardens showed a slight increase on that of last year, the amount collected for all purposes being \$82.92. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—People's Warden, Mr. John Fittal; Clergyman's Warden, Mr. W. F. Jeffrey; Mr. E. E. W. McGaffey, of Lindsay, was appointed lay delegate to the diocesan synod. The bishop will visit St. George's on June 21st and administer the rite of confirmation.

CAMBRAV.—The Vestry Meeting in connection with St. John's Church, Cambrai, was held in the church on Monday, 22nd inst., the Rev. C. S. Smith in the chair. The Financial Statements presented by the Wardens showed that the church had raised for all parochial, diocesan, and other purposes somewhere about \$85 during the year. Mr. A. B. Coats was appointed People's Warden, and Mr. Henry Fowler, Jr., was nominated by the Clergyman as his Warden, and accepted the position. Mr. William Beecham and Mr. W. Roddy were appointed sidesmen. Mr. Coats was appointed lay delegate to the Synod. The bishop of the diocese intends visiting the church in the month of June to administer the rite of confirmation. Classes preparatory to confirmation are being formed.

REABORO.—The Vestry Meeting in connection with this congregation was held on Tuesday, the 23rd, at 8 o'clock in the evening, in the Union Church, the Rev. C. H. Marsh being Chairman. Matters of interest to the congregation were discussed and the report of the Church Wardens received. The appointments to the various offices resulted as follows:—People's Warden, Mr. James Kennedy; Rector's Warden, Mr. Robert Thorne; Sidesmen, Mr. Peter Hawkins and Mr. James Brandon. Mr. Isaac Watson was appointed as Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Synod, which meets in Toronto some time in the month of June.