

Aylmer Express

MISSIONARY PROGRESS.

The following facts and figures, compiled by R. P. McKay, of Toronto will be interesting reading at the present time, and shows a wonderful advancement during the past century.

In many respects the 19th Century and especially the Victorian Era, has been remarkable, but in none more so than in the unexampled expansion of Foreign Mission enterprise. The following figures and facts make this apparent, and kindle bright hopes, almost exultation, in the minds of all who look and long for the universal reign of the Prince of Peace.

At the beginning of the Century there were six Mission Societies. Now there are 537, including Women's Auxiliary Societies.

The total amount, contributed for this work a hundred years ago was \$75,000. Last year, contributions amount to \$16,000,000.

There are 1,600,000,000 of people in the world, and the Bible has been translated in whole or in part, into the language of 1,200,000,000, so that three-fourths of the world's population can now have the Bible in their own tongue.

There are now 22,000,000 children attending Sabbath School, and of these about 1,000,000 are in Foreign Mission Fields, and one of these 140,000 are in Mission College Institutes and High Schools.

At the beginning of the Century there were no native Evangelists, whilst now 77,338 natives are teaching the Gospel to their own people.

There were then no Bible Societies. Now there are 80; and the British and Foreign Bible Society alone issues four and one half millions of Bibles or portions of Bibles a year.

There are fourteen great National Student organizations comprising fourteen hundred separate organizations, with a total membership of nearly 80,000 students and professors who are studying missions and preparing for Foreign Mission work.

There are on Foreign Mission communion rolls 1,318,681 names. If we include others who have abandoned their idols and who, although not on the communion roll, are under Christian instruction, the total is 4,414,236.

The first Women's Foreign Mission Society in England was organized in 1834. The first in America was organized in 1861. There are now 208 Women's Societies, and they contributed last year about \$4,000,000.

Then one-third of the world was unknown. The social, moral and spiritual conditions are now known. There is rapid communication by railroad, steamship and electricity. Printing is rapid and inexpensive.

Beginning with such facilities, knowledge and organization, what will the present century bring forth? All things are possible to Him who leads his Hosts to certain victory. Let us be co-laborers with Him.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

When the Methodist church in Canada undertook about a year ago to raise a million dollars as a twentieth century fund, there were not a few who thought they had undertaken a contract which it would be impossible for them to carry out. It was with great pleasure therefore that the report of the treasurer of the fund was received a week or so ago, announcing the fact that the \$1,000,000 mark had not only been reached, but passed by \$150,000, and all reports were not yet in. This is certainly a grand achievement and will enable the church to start the new century, strongly equipped for good work.

The first annual Ontario Provincial auction sale of pure bred live stock will be held at Guelph on Wednesday Feb. 27th, and at Ottawa on March 6th. These sales are being widely advertised throughout Canada and the U. S., and it is expected that a great many fine animals will be offered for sale, and that there will also be a large number of buyers present.

From 150 to 200 Shortborns, chiefly strong young bulls, and a limited number of cows and heifers have already been promised from the herds of such notable breeders as Hon. John Dryden, Mr. Arthur Johnston, Mr. Robt. Miller, and others. Ayrshires, Holsteins, Jerseys, Herefords, Polled Angus, and Galloways will also be sold by the best breeders in Canada, and all the surplus stock at the Agricultural College, Guelph, and Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will also be sold. Special freight rates, and

also special passenger rates have been arranged over all railways. If you are interested in this sale, a letter addressed to A. P. Westervelt, Parliament buildings, Toronto, will bring full information.

The evangelistic services which have been in progress at the Methodist church for the past three weeks, were brought to a successful conclusion on Monday night last. There have been exceptionally large congregations present every night, and Evangelist Ranton left Aylmer, followed by the best wishes of hundreds of new, as well as old friends. During the first week or ten days of the meetings, there were so many strange and exaggerated stories told, of what he said and did, that many who had not heard him were prejudiced against him. Those who were present from night to night, knew that these stories were untrue, and that what he actually did say, was either misunderstood, or purposely misquoted. Any clump can find fault and criticize. We know that from personal experience, but we have never yet been foolish enough to find fault with, or criticize anything we knew nothing about. Mr. Ranton stands so well socially, intellectually, and spiritually, that these criticisms had no other effect than to increase his popularity, and draw larger audiences. Now do not misunderstand us. No man can stand in the pulpit, or on the public platform every night for three weeks in succession, and not to be criticized. That is of course, if he opens his mouth and says anything worth listening to. Some fellows are never criticized, because they haven't brains enough to advance a new thought or idea, or individuality enough to express an old thought or idea, in a new way. Mr. Ranton is not one of that kind, but he had fewer adverse critics among those who heard him, and made more firm friends and admirers in the same length of time than any other clever man who ever addressed an Aylmer audience. He is an exceptionally clever speaker, with great descriptive powers, and can move his audience to tears or laughter at will, believing there is as much religion in a good laugh as a cry. There are few men who can tell a story better than he can, and he invariably makes a good point out of it. Mr. Ranton says he will always have a warm spot in his heart for Aylmer, and paid our town two compliments, which we have every reason to be proud of. He said that during his sixteen years of evangelistic work, in all parts of Canada and the U. S., he had never been in a town where all the ministers of every denomination were such true, Godly, Christian men. He also said that during his three weeks in Aylmer, he had not heard an oath or obscene word on the street or anywhere else, and had only seen one man who was the worse of liquor. This is certainly a good record for a visitor to take away with him. Mr. Ranton will be made welcome by all classes of citizens when he next visits Aylmer.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

Quarterly meeting will be held in this place the 8rd of Feb. at half-past ten. A year ago when it was here the snow was so deep it was almost impossible and very few came from a distance. We are looking for a large turn out this time.

Mrs. J. Johnston has recovered from an attack of inflammation of the lungs.

Mr. A. Knott has secured a fine situation in St. Thomas. We have no doubt of Arthur keeping it as whatever he does he does well.

Miss P. McCollom is able to be out again after her tedious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Angers home was made happy last week. It was a girl.

Mrs. Hughbank spent a few days with her parents at Summer's Corners last week.

Mr. C. Chamberlain returned from Muskoka two weeks ago, after an absence of two months.

Miss Bertha Knott is in Aylmer learning dressmaking.

Mr. A. T. Godwin is very busy preparing to build a new house.

E. W. Grove

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Miss V. Benner returns to Grand Rapids on Saturday after spending several months at her home here.

Mrs. R. Smith, of St. Thomas is spending a few days with her brother Mr. E. Hill.

On Friday last Mrs. Egbert had the misfortune to fall on the ice, receiving such injuries as will confine her to her bed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were in Lowville for a few days this week attending the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. J. Colling. Mrs. Colling had a host of friends in this vicinity who will be very sorry to hear of her untimely death.

Mrs. Staples is slowly recovering from her recent severe illness.

Mrs. Geo. Scott left on Monday to attend the Guelph Agricultural College.

Dyspepsia is difficult digestion, due to the absence of natural digestive fluids. Hood's Sarsaparilla restores the digestive powers.

PORT BURWELL.
Mr. Wm. Backhouse of this place is going to erect a house on East Victoria Street.

Mr. Smith, the shoe-maker has made the house of Mrs. Samuel Waber his new abode.

The skating on the Otter was excellent, until this last snow fell and spoiled it.

Mrs. John Saxton is visiting friends at Copenhagen.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Wabash Santa Fe
New Short Cut to California.

Only three days, six hours and fifty-one minutes from St. Thomas to Los Angeles, California, and only 16 minutes longer time from Aylmer. If you are contemplating a trip south or west for the winter, please consider the merits of this new route. Passengers leaving St. Thomas on No. 9, East Mail, reach St. Louis next day 2 p.m.; Kansas City same evening 9.30, where direct connection is made in the same depot with the California Limited. This is by all odds the quickest and shortest route from Canada to the south and west.

Full particulars from any railroad agent or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent north east corner King and Yonge streets Toronto. N. A. McCallum, agent.

Thieving Lawyers Punished.
London, Jan. 28.—The courts have administered a striking lesson for honesty in handling trust funds, dealing severe sentences to three defaulting lawyers, the discovery of whose crime, a few months ago, greatly disturbed the people's confidence in the profession. Benjamin Take, president of the Law Society, whose firm swallowed £170,000 of its clients' money, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. His only defence was that he left the details of the business to his nephew. Two minor lawyers were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for similar embezzlements.

A Card.
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Fig if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

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THE AYLMER MARKETS

Flour, per 100 lbs.	\$1 70 to 1 90
Wheat, Standard	64 to 65
Oats, per bushel	25 to 26
Barley, per bushel	30 to 32
Peas, per bushel	20 to 25
Beans, per bushel	30 to 35
Blackberries	1 00 to 1 10
Corn, per bushel	45 to 50
Rye, per bushel	40 to 45
Chop, per ton	13 00 to 14 00
Shorts, per ton	15 00 to 16 00
Chop, per ton	18 00 to 22 00
Eggs, per dozen	18 to 20
Butter, per lb.	20 to 25
Hay, per ton	6 00 to 8 00
Straw, per load	2 00 to 3 50
Apples, per bushel	00 to 00
Dried Apples, per lb.	2 1/2 to 4
Chickens, per pair	7 to 8
Ducks, per pair	10 to 11
Turkeys, per lb.	5 to 6
Geese, per lb.	7 to 8
Live Hogs	6 00 to 6 00
Dressed Hogs	0 00 to 0 00

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

Wheat, per bushel	63 to 65
Oats, per bushel	25 to 26
Barley, per bushel	35 to 45
Corn, per bushel	45 to 50
Peas, per bushel	20 to 25
Beans, per bushel	30 to 35
Butter, per lb.	20 to 25
Eggs, per dozen	18 to 20
Chickens, per pair	7 to 8
Ducks, per pair	10 to 11
Turkeys, per lb.	5 to 6
Geese, each	35 to 60
Potatoes, per bag	40 to 50
Onions, per bushel	5 to 5
Cabbage per head	5 to 5
Cauliflower per head	5 to 5
Celery per bunch	8 00 to 9 00
Hay per ton	2 00 to 3 50
Wood, long, per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Live Hogs	6 00 to 6 00
Dressed Hogs	0 00 to 0 00

LONDON MARKETS.

Wheat	30 to 63
Flour	35 to 46
Peas	48 to 54
Barley	40 to 46
Rye	30 to 36
Corn	42 to 44
Live Hogs	6 00 to 6 00
Dressed Hogs	0 00 to 0 00
Butter, roll, per lb.	20 to 25
Butter, fresh, per lb.	20 to 25
Eggs per doz.	17 to 25
Potatoes per bag	30 to 35
Chickens, per pair	8 00 to 9 00
Ducks, per pair	60 to 75
Geese, each	60 to 75
Turkeys	9 to 10

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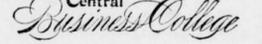
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NOTICE.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the NORTH AND SOUTH DORCHESTER Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Will be held at Harriestown on Monday, February 4th, 1901,

at 2 p.m. in the I. O. O. F. hall for the purpose of receiving the directors and auditors' reports, the election of directors and the transaction of other business.

D. D. YORK, Sec.-Treas.

WM. WARNOCK PRIVATE BANKER.

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AGENTS WANTED—LIFE OF QUEEN VICTORIA. Authors—The Queen herself, Dr. John Coultter, from London, England, John A. Cooper, editor of Canadian Magazine, Toronto; about 700 pages; quality never equalled; price only \$1.75. See her name in this paper also two reviews in his paper. World Publishing Co., Guelph Ont.

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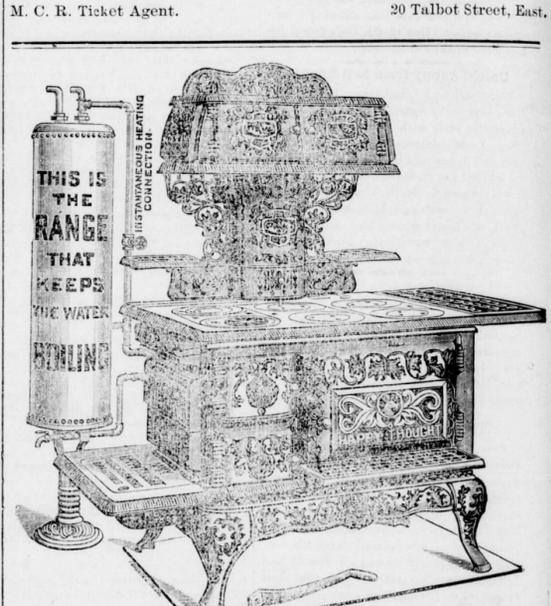
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Wheelbarrows	50c	
Doll Carriages	50c	
Carpet Sweepers	40c	
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