

We welcome Miss Ella Sylvester home after successfully finishing two years' training for a nurse in Boston. Her Sunday school class and many others will be glad to see her regularly at St. Paul's again.

Mr. Vance, we regret to say, has been ordered by his physician to take a couple of weeks' rest, having been unwell. He has gone to his home near Millbrook, and we trust will be back in a fortnight strong and well again.

Among the new arrivals to Lindsay we are glad to find three well tried Sunday school teachers, in the persons of Mrs. McNamara and Miss Jean and Miss Mary Harding, who have consented to help in the good work here.

Miss Carter has gone to Southampton and Miss Vera Dyer to near Cobocok as teachers; both will be missed from St. Paul's church, but we hope they will be much used and abundantly blessed in their high vocations as it is wonderful the influence for good that can be exercised by a faithful public school teacher.

Sunday, Jan. 1st, was set apart by the bishop as a "Day of Special Confession, Humiliation and Intercession for the work of our church." How much lukewarmness and worldliness many of us have to confess, both clergy and laymen. Let us this new year be "Strong in the Lord and in the power of his might," active and valiant for the truth and right.

We are convinced that it more than pays to have an advertisement in our parish paper, and so this year no personal canvass will be made of our present patrons. While thanking our friends for their past co-operation, and trusting that they may continue with us. Yet if any one, for any reason, feels that he would like his ad. taken out he only has to drop a card to Mr. G. S. Patrick, who will see that it is done.

Our two churchwardens have been elected to important offices in the community. Mr. Bryans as county councillor, and Mr. Walters, mayor of Lindsay. Also several of the members of St. Paul's church have been elected town or township councillors; while offering our hearty congratulations, the thought is borne in upon our mind that added honour brings added responsibility, and we wish our friends wisdom from above to discharge their high duties aright.

The tune set to the hymn, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile," Hymnal Companion, No. 539, is called "Brading." It is so called because the music was composed for an epitaph written in Brading churchyard. The epitaph is as follows:

"Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear,
That mourns thy exit from a world like this;
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here,
And stay'd thy progress to the seats of bliss.
No more confin'd to grow'ling scenes of night,
No more a tenant pent in mortal clay,
Now would we rather hail thy glorious flight,
And trace thy journey to the realms of day."

Brading is four miles from Ryde in the Isle of Wight. The Rev. Leigh Richmond was rector of Brading when he wrote the "Dairyman's Daughter." Mr. A. F. D. McGachen, of Winnipeg, formerly of Lindsay, was born at Brading, his father, a successor of Rev. L. Richmond, being rector at the time. Dr. John W. Callcott, the author of the music, is chiefly known as a writer of glees.

"Far off pastures look green," but as a rule it pays to do most of our trading near home.

The Epiphany collection for foreign missions will be taken up on Jan. 15th. Let us see that our interest in and efforts for the evangelization of the world are somewhat commensurate with the great work.

The annual meeting of the Lindsay Branch Bible Society arranged for December 28th was postponed until January 6th, owing to small attendance. Every lover of truth and liberty should be interested in the spread of God's word.

We all like to see large congregations at the house of God, let us resolve then, by the help of God, that this new year we will be regular, and that our influence will be on the side of right every time. "You have a duty no other can do."

It is said that "The hour to take China for Christ has come." Who would not like to help send reinforcements to win that great country for the King of Kings? The Revs. Messrs. Boyd and White with their wives and Miss Gannett are the C.C. M.A. missionaries in that densely populated land—recruits wanted.

The Rev. R. McNamara who was recently married to Miss Thompson, of Georgetown, on Jan. 1st entered on his duties as assistant minister of this parish. We are sure many of our readers will join with us in wishing them many years of happiness, and pray that their work may be abundantly owned and blessed of God.

The united service and mass meeting of the Sunday schools of Lindsay on Christmas day was a decided success. There must have been between 1,500 and 2,000, (counting scholars and friends) present. The singing of the hymns as "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "When he Cometh," was most inspiring, and we are sure the words spoken by the pastor of St. Andrew's and the rector of St. Paul's will find a lodging place in many a young heart. That God would make the young people of Lindsay his faithful soldiers, we are sure was the prayer of many.

The Christmas congregations, morning and evening, were large; the decorations very pretty, the singing, especially in the morning, very appropriate and hearty, while the solos by Mrs. G. H. Hopkins and Miss Russell were much appreciated. The extra offering for the Clergyman amounted to \$38.50, and some \$22 were placed on for the church debt. Thanks are due those who so faithfully laboured in trimming the church and to the organist and the choir for their diligent preparation. Our great desire is that the kingdom of the "Prince of Peace" may have been set up, or enlarged in many hearts, by the services of that happy day.

The Collegiate Institute reunion on December 29th, was a very successful and brilliant affair, former students coming from far and near. We notice that of the fourteen men who have been "Chairman of the Board" since the establishment of the Grammar school in Lindsay in 1857, eight have been members of St. Paul's congregation and unitedly held office for 28 years. Their names are Rev. J. Hickie, G. M. Roach, esq., Rev. J. Vicars, B.A., J. Fiddler, esq., M.D., Hon. S. C. Wood, A. Hudspeth, esq., Q.C., M.P., Wm. Grace, esq., and Hon. John Dobson. Mr. Grace holding the office for the longest period, from 1876 to 1885. We notice also that very few of the "Headmasters" have been English churchmen.