

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Breathwaite to Lindsay and St. Paul's.

"Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."—Math. 24 : 44.

The Rev. W. H. H. Sparks has been appointed by the bishop, incumbent of Sunderland and West Brock.

We trust there will be large congregations and earnest worship in all our churches on Christmas, as we keep the birthday of our Saviour and remember God's great gift to man.

We wish a very happy Christmastide to all our readers. Most of us can do much towards making happy the lives of some others; and in giving joy to them we taste one of the highest kinds of happiness ourselves.

Mr. A. Tims was lately appointed superintendent of the Sunday school in succession to Mr. Sisson. Mr. Tims has been a faithful teacher for years and comes of a family of S.S. workers, his father having been superintendent of a school in Manvers. We bespeak earnest prayer and hearty co-operation on his behalf.

We have lost several families to Omemeé parish lately, and now are glad to welcome in return, Mr. Beamish and family and Mr. John Hall, all from that fair village, to Lindsay and St. Paul's. Mr. Beamish has taken the house at 23 Colborne St., and Mr. Hall's address is 35 Queen St. We are sure some of our members will call and welcome them.

The anniversary services on Nov. 25th were helpful and inspiring, the Rev. H. C. Dixon preaching able and instructive sermons. The morning subject was Abraham's call from Ur, and the evening dealing with the work of St. Paul. Miss Colles and Mr. Bailey sang solos very acceptably, while the extra offertory was \$263.00, which has since been increased by \$25.00. We thank all who gave and all who helped, and pray that God may be glorified and the congregation blessed.

The other day the rector received five dollars from "a friend near Reboro," with the request that it be used for missions "wherever you believe it will do most good." He has sent it on to the Canadian Church Missionary Association and so it will help the work in Japan, China, Persia, Palestine, South America, and in our own Northwest. May the donor find that "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters," and may many other of our friends on farms be encouraged to go and do likewise.

A missionary exhibit is being arranged for by the C.C.M.A. in Toronto, to be held Feb. 4th to 9th, 1901 (D.V.). There will be courts representing Japan, Africa, Palestine and Mohammedan lands, South America, Indian and Esquimaux work, India, Ceylon and Persia, China, Educational, Industrial and Medical Missions. Any one having curios illustrative of the life of the people of any of these lands, that they could give or loan the committee in charge, would be helping a good work. Articles in this district given to Mrs. Goldie, or the rector of St. Paul's, will be carefully forwarded, and after the exhibit returned. Prayer is asked that all may be overruled to the extension of God's work, and those who can are invited to be present at the exhibit.

Mrs. Allison and family have gone to the province of Quebec to live. Miss Allison has been one of our S.S. teachers.

The end of the year, the end of the century, the end of life. If in Christ all these will be but the beginning of better things, the higher, fuller life with Him.

The Rev. E. A. Langfeldt held a short mission at Trinity church, Cavan, part of the last week in November. The rector has very pleasant memories of a mission held there, with the Rev. W. C. Allen, in March, 1888.

A lady whose home was long near Cambay lately handed in a C.C.M.A. mission box containing \$2.50. A little boy of about 6 years who was ill and unable to walk handed her, one day she called to see him, 11 cents, saying "It is for your missionary box." Others heard what he had done and also wanted to help. So it is—"A little child shall lead them."

Several young clergymen well known in Lindsay and vicinity have lately been married—Mr. Rix of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, and Miss Gillespie of Cannington. Mr. Gibson, who spent a summer in Lindsay, was married to a Miss Kincaid of Toronto; and Rev. T. B. Smith of St. Peter's, Toronto, married a daughter of Mr. Stapleton Caldecott. Many, we know, will wish them all many years of happy usefulness in the Master's vineyard.

On Thursday, Dec. 6th, the Rev. H. C. Dixon begins a ten day mission at Reboro. He is so well known in Lindsay that we need not emphasize the privileges in store for those who attend, but we ask earnest prayer for God's blessing upon his work, and hearty co-operation from all who can be present at the services. Surely at this advent season, we might do some self-denying work, to prepare and make ready the way for the return of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The National Advocate" of New York says: "Seventy-five per cent. of the convicts in our prisons are young men." It also says that in the United States there are more young men in the penitentiary than in the churches, that the majority of young men do not attend church, and asks: "If young men are the hope of the nation, what hope is there for the nation?" It becomes our young men in Canada to see how it is with them. Parents and churches may well ask what about our boys?

The seventh annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Peterboro was held at Cobourg on Nov. 13th and 14th, with a fairly good attendance. The Ven. Archdeacon Allen presided and Rev. H. Symonds was secretary. The subjects considered were: "The Post-reformation Period of the Church of England," "The Evangelical Revival," "The Oxford Movement," "The Outlook for the Twentieth Century," "Family Prayer," "Modern Imperialism and its Relation to Christianity" and "Social Progress and Spiritual Life." Those taking part from outside the Archdeaconry were Rev. Provost Macklem of Trinity University, Rev. Dyson Hague of Wycliffe College, Prof. Mavor of Toronto University, Rev. J. H. Talbot of Oshawa, while Rev. F. H. Du Vernet took the opening devotional meeting. We are sorry no one from Lindsay was able to be present.