

CHURCH NOTES.

Miss Petron Adam has gone to Toronto to school, and so another seat is vacant in St. Paul's.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Franks and family to Lindsay and to find them such regular worshippers at St. Paul's church.

Miss Veitch, who has been for two years at Hay River, has returned, and reports a large field for work in that far north land.

"Face the truth whatever it may be; side with the truth whatever it may involve; follow the truth wherever it may lead."

Mr. F. Paddon, of the Bank of Montreal, has been removed to Cornwall. We wish him every success and blessing in his new home.

Let every churchman ask himself, "What am I doing to help forward the cause of Christ?" for it is written "He that is not with me is against me."

Some forty-two thousand copies of Mr. Walter Walsh's "Secret History of the Oxford Movement," have been published. We would advise churchmen to read the book.

We are sorry to lose Mr. R. Humphreys, who has been for some years secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school, but hope his absence in Toronto will not be permanent.

We are sure many sympathize deeply with Mr. I. C. Armstrong in his sad loss of both wife and sister by asphyxiation in Toronto. Mrs. Armstrong was for some years a teacher in St. Paul's Sunday school.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services on Oct. 1st were largely attended, the church was beautifully trimmed; the music and singing had been very carefully prepared, and we trust a deeper spirit of thankfulness to God for his many mercies in the hearts of the worshippers will be the result.

We are pleased to learn that the Sunday school and church services at Burnt River are being carried on with most encouraging results, notwithstanding the departure of Mr. R. Maconachie to England. We congratulate the Rev. E. Soward, Mr. Rowland Maconachie and all the workers, and trust God will abundantly bless their labors.

On Sunday, Sept. 10th, the Right Rev. Dr. Bond, bishop of Montreal, celebrated his 84th birthday by preaching twice at Grenville, Que. He also ordained a Mr. Foulkes to the diaconate at the morning service, and confirmed 16 candidates in the evening. Holy communion was administered both morning and evening and about a hundred persons gathered around the table of the Lord. What a beautiful way to be permitted to spend the evening of life. We trust his lordship may be spared for some years yet.

Nov. 10th is the day appointed for the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance to meet in Toronto. His Honor Judge Dean and Sheriff McLennan are the delegates appointed from the Lindsay Branch, but any other members being in the city are authorized to attend. We hope many will join our local branch, the fee is only 50c, a year, and much help is needed to preserve our day of rest from the encroachments of avaricious corporations. Mr. Lowe, at the Victoria Loan Co's office, or Mr. Stephens, of the Collegiate Institute, will gladly receive the names of new members, either men or women.

St. Mary's church, Manvers, has lately been much improved by a new coat of paint on the outside.

The Rev. Mr. Southam, well known to many in Lindsay, is now working near Hong Kong, China.

In your prayers and planing remember anniversary Sunday, Nov. 26th, so that we may still farther reduce our church debt.

Mr. George Beall, jr., is missed from St. Paul's church and the Young Men's Association, but we wish him every success in Toronto.

Mr. Sidney Soares has gone to St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. We are sorry to lose our young men to the United States, as we have so much land of our own still to take possession of.

We are sorry to lose Miss Kate Downey and Miss Alberta King from St. Paul's church, they having gone to Detroit, but we hope they may return in the spring.

The Government census in India showed the native population to have increased in the decade nine per cent., but the Christian population between 20 and 30 per cent.

We were pleased to see Mr. John L. Dunsford back in Lindsay after eight years' absence, looking hale and well. He was at one time a member of St. Paul's choir.

Among the new comers to Lindsay we are glad to welcome Mr. C. P. Muckle, of the Collegiate Institute staff, and C. Noyce, A. Kennedy, H. Hartman and P. Lamb, of the students, to St. Paul's church.

St. Paul's church congregation is asked to give \$48.51 to the October collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which is very much in need of offerings. We are told "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

There have been only three Rural Deans of Durham and Victoria since these counties were set apart as a deanery. The Rev. T. W. Allen, B.A., now archdeacon of Peterboro, who occupied the position for 26 years; the Rev. John Creighton, B.D., of Cartwright, from 1891 to 1895, and the Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., from 1895 to 1899. Excellent work has been done by all three of these men, and the Rector of Lindsay, who has been elected by his brethren, and (as soon as appointed thereunto by the bishop) will enter upon the duties of the office, asks for the earnest prayers and hearty cooperation of both clergy and laity that he may fulfil the duties to the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria at Millbrook on Sept. 21st and 22nd. The Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., occupied the chair. Missionary exchanges and meetings were arranged for. An instructive paper on a portion of Liddons' Bampton Lectures was given by Canon Farncomb, of Newcastle. The matter of giving religious privileges to the feeble minded in the asylum at Orillia was considered and left over for fuller information and discussion at the Archidiaconal Conference to be held at Peterboro in November. Some time was spent in the study of a portion of the Greek Testament. The Rev. C. H. Marsh was elected Rural Dean in succession to the Rev. W. C. Allen, who has held the position for the last four years. The Rev. R. Seaborn, of Bowmanville preached a helpful sermon at the evening service, while the Ven. Archdeacon Allen officiated at the Holy Communion on the 22nd.