

CHURCH NOTES.

The Rev. C. B. Kenrick has resigned the rectory of St. Mark's church, Port Hope, and goes to New Brunswick shortly.

The Rev. W. H. Sparks has been for some little time taking the duty at Sunderland and West Brock, and we trust will be blessed in his work there.

The Rev. Cameron N. Wilson, who was ordained on Sept. 23rd by the Bishop of Toronto, preached in St. Paul's and took the duty at Cameron and Cambay on Oct. 7th.

Mr. Leigh Knight has gone to Toronto to continue his law studies at Osgoode Hall. He will be missed as a sidesman and also from his work in the Young Men's Association.

Services will D.V. be held in St. Paul's on Thanksgiving Day, at 11 a. m. The offertory will be for the missions of our diocese. As Canadians how much we have to be thankful for.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson, M.A., rector of St. John's church, Peterboro, was the special preacher at the Harvest Thanksgiving service at Christ Church, Bobcaygeon, on Sept. 21st.

There are said to be some 6500 suicides each year in Japan, and yet some people think that land does not need the gospel. Contrast that with less than 400 in England the last year we saw statistics, counting both murders and suicides.

The Rev. Heber J. Hamilton, B.A., a returned missionary from Japan, well known in this rural deanery, has kindly consented to take the rector's duty on Oct. 14th, while he preaches Harvest Thanksgiving sermons at Christ Church, Onemee.

We congratulate Miss Annie Walters on her marriage to Mr. Jas. Devitt, L. D. S., of Bowmanville, and wish them both ears of happiness. The bride will be much missed from St. Paul's as she has not only been a member of the choir, but for a long time taught a class in Sunday school.

The choir of St. Paul's assisted by Mrs. A. Palen and Mr. Robson gave a very interesting concert at Reaboro on the evening of Sept. 25th, which was much appreciated. After the concert Mr. and Mrs. William Thorne, assisted by some friends, kindly entertained the visitors at supper at their hospitable home.

Mr. E. A. Rennie, who one summer took duty for a short time in Lindsay, was ordained deacon at St. James' church, Orillia, on Sept. 30th, and goes shortly to work at New Orleans as curate to the Rev. Dr. Waters. His friends in this neighborhood will follow with sympathetic interest his labors in the great southern city.

The annual meetings of the Canadian Church Missionary Association, and the Gleaners' Union, were held in Toronto on Oct. 4th and 5th, and were very inspiring gatherings, being largely attended, and evidently guided by the Spirit of God. There was much to encourage and cheer recorded, even although owing to growth of work and other causes some \$2300 were required to meet all needs to date, and three missionaries were ready to go forward as soon as there were funds on hand to send them. One friend is sending a lady missionary to Persia, or rather is to support her after she arrives there. How many of us might support a substitute in the field and so help preach the gospel to every creature.

Let us try and pay all our debts before the century closes. If you and I pay ours that will help others to pay theirs. Let us if spared greet the new century as honest men.

The 50 prayer and hymn books purchased by the Young Men's Association, have had *St. Paul's Church* put on the covers in gold letters, and will no doubt be in use by visitors and strangers ere this is in print. We are sure both churchwardens and congregation appreciate the thoughtful gift of the young men.

Mr. G. S. Patrick, our estimable vestry clerk, with his mother, Mrs. Patrick, have returned to town after several months' absence in New Jersey and parts adjacent. Those who have had to look after his duties during his absence, are glad to see him back, and many rejoice in seeing both again in their places in St. Paul's.

Mr. W. H. Vance, who has so faithfully taken the duties at Cameron and Cambay for the last few months, has gone to Toronto to prosecute his studies at Toronto University and Wycliffe College. He will be much missed in the various branches of church work here, but we trust will be abundantly blessed in his preparation for future usefulness in the Master's Vineyard.

During the three months ending the 31st Aug., in the mission of Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, 43 Sunday services were held necessitating a drive of 239 miles. The average attendance at Bobcaygeon was about 72, and at Dunsford 56, while there was a good attendance at the other stations. The income for the quarter was \$206.91, and the holy communion was administered seven times, some ten week evening services were also held.

The Rural Dean of Durham and Victoria had the privilege of preaching Harvest Thanksgiving services at All Saints' church, Peterboro, on Sept. 21st through the kind invitation of Rev. W. L. Armitage. He congratulates the clergy and workers on the large congregation for a week evening, the beautiful harvest decorations, the appropriate music and hearty singing, and evident tokens of prosperity vouchsafed to the church in South Peterboro.

In addition to Thanksgiving Day, when all Canadians are invited to join in thanksgiving to God for so many national blessings, there will (D.V.) be special harvest thanksgiving services in St. Paul's church on Sunday, Oct. 21st.

"Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of Harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin."

There was a rather small attendance at the September meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society (on 24th ult.), but there was a pleasing program, in which Miss Wingrove recited, and Miss Colles sang for the first time to a Lindsay audience and was much appreciated. Miss H. Wingrove sent a letter resigning her position as organist of the society, she having gone to Parkdale; and Mr. Vance also tendered his resignation as secretary, as he was to leave for Toronto in a few days. Both these officers will be much missed. Mr. Knight explained the delay in regard to the drinking fountain; and later five new members (three ladies and two young men) were enrolled. There is much work for this society to do, but the numbers of earnest devoted male workers is alas too few. Who will come and help be a blessing to their fellows.