

In the County of Victoria in 1893, there were 641 births 244 marriages and 337 deaths.

Many will be glad to hear that Mr. Petter is much better for his visit to Florida and the south, and to welcome him back to Lindsay.

There were 127 births, 81 marriages and 77 deaths in Lindsay in 1893, being an increase of 9 marriages and a decrease of 16 deaths as compared with 1892.

We are glad to hear that over 160 were confirmed in Peterborough at the confirmation held in the Churches there during May. Ashburnham is now included.

We are glad to learn the Rev. C. W. Hedley, of Peterborough, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He proposes taking a trip to England during the summer. Mr. Chappell, of Trinity University, is taking his work in the meantime.

The "Gleaners Union" held a very pleasant and instructive meeting at the home of Mr. Grace on the evening of the 27th of May. "Missionary draw-rooms" are quite common in England and we thank Mr. Grace for using his beautiful home in so excellent a way.

It pays to advertise in the Parish and Home. We have known of persons doing their trading in certain lines, ever since they came to Lindsay, with patrons of the parish paper, because they saw their advertisements there. Honest dealing and wise advertising pay.

Mrs. Stoughton, who for the last five years has been an invalid, and lately died, being buried at Napanee, was at one time a Sunday School teacher and active worker in St. Paul's Church. To many of our readers another link connecting them with the past is removed.

The C.E.T.S. reported a large membership, of which 40 had joined during the year, they had 12 meetings; had bought a piano on which they had paid \$75, had also given \$18 to the reduction of the Church debt, and had given much information on the subject of Temperance during the year.

The Synod of the Diocese is to be held in St. James' school house, Toronto, beginning on, Tuesday, June 11th and continuing for several days. There are about 400 members of the Synod. We trust that many of our readers will remember their work and pray that God may overrule all their consultations to His glory and to the extension of His kingdom on earth.

A writer in a New York paper says 'In the South there are 5,000,000 whites who can neither read nor write'—We know there are also several million negroes in the same sad condition in those southern states. How slavery and wrong doing debases a people. We are glad to know that this sad state of ignorance and sin is being removed, even if slowly.

The Woman's Auxiliary to Missions has 65 members, has held regular meetings, sent three bales to Rev. T. J. Marsh in May '94, and two to the

Blackfoot Indians in April '95, have given away 9 quilts in own parish and given clothing to 11 needy families during the winter. Gave \$16 to the Church debt and spent \$36.60 on other home needs, have also given \$27 to Missionary work, so not a few have had reason to bless the W. A.

The "Gleaners' Union" to pray and work for the evangelization of the world, had met monthly, had increased their membership from: 17 to 74, had helped to purchase a missionary map of the world, had arranged programs for the monthly missionary meetings, scattered much information and under God had been the means of stirring up some to take a deeper interest in the fulfillment of Christ's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

Miss A. B. Marsh expects to leave Toronto on June 17th, to join her brother in the McKenzie River Diocese. The Bishop asked her to go in 1894, but then she had not finished her course at Grace hospital. Now she goes prepared to teach the little Indian school, nurse the sick and be organist, (her brother having got a little organ as well as a chapel) to say nothing of the comfort she will be in his home. She will (D. V) reach her destination about the middle of August.

The Little Girls' Sewing Class worked during the year for home needs and also for missions. They held a sale and gave \$20 to the Church debt and \$6 to the piano fund. They contributed liberally to the bales sent to Mr. Marsh and the Chippewyan Indians, and also to those sent to the Blackfoot Indians. The dolls they dressed no doubt, charm the hearts of dusky children on the shores of the Great Slave lake, and oval faces and dark laughing eyes look from the comfortable hoods prepared by loving hands in Lindsay.

On the Queen's Birthday the Temperance Society held a very enjoyable excursion to Sturgeon Point and Fenelon Falls, per steamer Crandella. The boat left the town wharf about half past nine and proceeded to the point, where many of the cottagers remained for the day, having taken this opportunity to spend the day there. The trip to Fenelon Falls was most delightful, the village being reached at about eleven o'clock. Here many of the excursionists spent a very enjoyable time visiting the Howry mill, the Pulp mill, etc. The steamer left on the return trip at three o'clock and reached Lindsay about six.

We make a few gleanings from annual reports as read at Vestry meetings:—The Sunday School secretary (Mr. Billingsley) reports a marked improvement during the year both in attendance and offertory. The average attendance has been between 190 and 200, about 20 more than the year before, notwithstanding several very stormy Sundays. The total receipts have been \$90.15, an increase of \$28.92, of which the offertory on the first Sunday of each month, amounting to \$28.84, has been for missions, an increase on previous year of \$11.56. 72 new library books were purchased and 22 old ones rebound, 100 new hymn books had been bought, and so thanksgiving to God for past blessings and hopefulness for the future should be our feeling. Parents, send your young people regularly and help them with lessons.