

## CHURCH NOTES.

Look out for the Sunday school excursion in July and come along.

Kindly see that your subscription to Parish and Home is not in arrears. Miss Goodwin, Kent-st., will be glad to receive all sums due.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Nash and family from St. Mary's, now living on Sussex-st., and the Messrs. Pym and families of Kent-st., to Lindsay and St. Paul's.

The Church Record is the name of the new church paper, which takes the place of the Evangelical Churchman. It will be published twice a month and at the rate of one dollar a year.

Arrangements have been made by the young men for having an excursion to Fenelon Falls on the evening of Aug 7th, and as there is to be a garden party at the Falls that evening a pleasant time is expected.

At the monthly meeting of the Y.M.A. held at the home of Mr. Rutherford on July 3rd. A pleasant and profitable time was spent and the following officers were elected: President, E. C. Armstrong; Vice Pres., W. H. Vance; Sec. Treas., S. Cameron. Councillors—C. Sootheran, M. H. Sisson, L. Knight.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Daisy Stephenson has resigned her position on the Public school staff. She will not only be missed as a P.S. teacher, but also from St. Paul's church, where she has been a most faithful worshipper, both on Sundays and at the week-day service. For some time she sang in the choir and taught in the Sunday school. We wish her a refreshing and invigorating holiday.

The Masons attended service at St. Paul's church, on Sunday, June 24th, a large number being present, when the Rev. Wm. Farncomb of Fenelon Falls, who for 25 years has been a Mason, preached an able sermon to them. He said there was no conflict between Masonry and Christianity, but in many ways the Masonic lodges set a good example to professing Christian churches. His text was "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect"—and high were the aims he placed before his hearers. Mrs. G. H. Hopkins sang a solo during the taking up of the offertory.

The Synod of the Diocese was in session from June 12th to 15th, with a fairly large attendance, when much of the work of the local church parliament was accomplished. The Hon. John Dobson and Robert Thorne of Reaboro were the only lay delegates from Lindsay or Cameron and Cambray parishes present. Such excellent reports appeared in the Toronto papers, that we expect many read them, and we have not space even to summarize the proceedings. The third week in June would suit many much better than the second to attend Synod, as both the county courts and county councils meet the latter week. We know of four delegates in this rural deanery who were thus kept from attending. Mr. R. Vance of Cavan was appointed a member of the Mission Board and Mr. Wm. Grace of the Widows and Orphans Fund Committee from this Rural Deanery; while the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, Canon Farncomb and the Revd. W. C. Allen from among the clergy were appointed on one or more of the standing committees.

A self-centered life is a wasted and lost life, while a Christ-centered life gives satisfaction here and happiness hereafter.

On July 1st our Dominion was 33 years old. Let us ever remember that it is a people of strong, upright Christian character that make a nation great.

Services are being held each Sunday at Sturgeon Point and we doubt not will be largely attended during the summer. There is sometimes a danger of forgetting God when away on our summer outings.

Mr. James, who was ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday, was appointed to Hastings, while Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Howe, also ordained deacons were appointed respectively to Pickering and Cookstown.

June 21st was the 60th anniversary of the ordination of the Right Revd. Wm. Bennett Bond, D.D., Bishop of Montreal. He is now 84 years old, was consecrated bishop in 1879, is still vigorous in mind and body, and much beloved by both clergy and laity.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thurston who for some time worshipped at St. Paul's, and formerly were so well known at Dunsford, are now settled at Dallas, Oregon. We are sorry to lose them from Canada. We wish them success and blessing in their new home.

The Revd. H. I. Hamilton, formerly of Port Hope, who has been seven years in Japan, is expected home in a few weeks. He is well known in Lindsay and we expect a visit from him, to tell us what God is accomplishing in the land of the rising sun.

How much one can do during the hot summer time to witness for Christ, first by a consistent and Christlike life and character, and then by putting his work and cause first. Speak of Him, his missionary work, his doings among the children of men. Attend his house, on hot days and lazy days—"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

Mr. J. H. Knight deserves much credit for the active steps he has taken towards securing a drinking fountain for the town. The subject was several times discussed in the meetings of the Church of England Temperance Society, and the decision to have one, if possible, erected arrived at, but to Mr. Knight, (Vice Pres. of the C.E.T.S.) belongs the credit of seeing that the matter was carried out. Very shortly we expect to see a fountain erected on the Market ground where travellers, as well as horses, dogs and birds may quench their thirst.

How can I work for God,  
What will He let me do?  
Your daily tasks, my friend,  
Are what He asks of you.

These simple, common tasks  
That come to me each day?  
Yes, do them all for God,  
And He will bless your way.

If done for love of God,  
No task is ever small;  
His blessing on our work  
Shall sanctify it all.

—Selected.