

It pays to advertise in Parish and Home. Only the other day a new family coming to town began to trade with one of our patrons.

We are glad so many are sending in their subscriptions to Parish and Home, still some have not yet done so and we want to pay all our bills.

The congregation at St. Paul's on Good Friday was large, and the offertory for promoting Christianity among the Jews amounted to \$25.40.

Mrs. Geo. S. Thompson and family have gone to Sudbury, to join Mr. Thompson, who has been in that north country for some time. They will be much missed from St. Paul's, having been very regular worshippers there, and Miss Thompson having been a teacher in the Sunday school.

We are sorry to lose Mr. L. Archambault and family from St. Paul's and Lindsay. Mr. Archambault has been a sidesman for a number of years, and also vice president of the C. E. T. S. having done good work in many ways. We wish them every blessing in their new home in Toronto. We welcome his successor in business, Mr. Symons, to Lindsay and St. Paul's.

On Wednesday, April 12th, there will (D.V.) be Centenary C. M. S. meetings in St. Paul's schoolhouse at 4 and 8 p.m. Addresses will be given by Mr. R. Maconachie, of Burnt River, and Rev. T. B. Smith, B.A., curate of St. Peter's church, Toronto. We hope all will read Mr. Hoyle's letter in this issue, and then by prayer and work do what they can to extend the kingdom of our Lord, beginning at once.

Mr. MacKay, president of the Actors' Association of New York, speaking before a body of clergymen, asked for help to defeat the bill introduced in the New York Legislature calling for open theatres on Sunday. Men need a day of rest, and in Canada we should see to it that no encroachments are made on the rest and sanctity of the Lord's day. Workingmen especially should set their faces against all unnecessary labors. God's commands are for our good. Let us see to it that we keep Sunday as a glad happy day for rest and worship.

The annual vestry meeting was held in the schoolhouse on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The Rector occupied the chair, and after prayers were read he briefly addressed the Vestry, giving the statistics for the year in connection with the parish, and considered the congregation should be deeply grateful to Almighty God for the great blessings vouchsafed to them. He thanked the Vestry and officers for their kindness and assistance. After the minutes were confirmed, Mr. Robt. Bryans, People's Warden, presented the financial report, which was most favorable and encouraging. We will give particulars in our next issue, but may state that the floating debt has been nearly extinguished since last Easter. The mortgage was also reduced by \$200. The Wardens thanked the congregation for their liberal response to the special appeal for the debt, the large sum of \$1,212 having been received. The report was referred to Messrs. E. Flood and C. A. Hooper as auditors. The reports of the Sunday School, the Gleaners' Union and the Young Men's Association, were also read. The officers were then elected (see front page). Mr. Flood, Mrs. Paddon and Mrs. D. Brown were appointed representatives to the board of the Home for the Aged. Votes of thanks were tendered the wardens, the treasurer, the choir, and Mr. McGaffey, for their efficient services, after which the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baldwin, who were lately married, and have been for some time regular worshippers at St. Paul's church, have gone to Carberry, Manitoba, to live. We wish them every success.

The Rev. F. W. Barnes visited Lindsay in the interest of the Sabrevois Mission of Montreal, and received subscriptions to the amount of twenty three dollars. We wish the debt on our own church was wiped out so that we could help outside works more largely.

On March 29th, the Rev. C. H. Marsh addressed the annual meeting of the Orillia Women's Auxiliary and Ladies Aid of St. James' church. Some very interesting and instructive reports of the year's work were given, and though, owing to the storm, the attendance was small, a very enthusiastic spirit seemed to pervade those present. The united societies had raised over \$400 during the year, and in view of both home and foreign needs a "forward movement" was advocated.

There were large congregations at St. Paul's on Easter Sunday, both hymns and sermons being suitable to the joyous day. Mrs. G. H. Hopkins singing solos at morning and evening services. Some 153 remained to Holy Communion, being the largest number on any one Sunday in the history of the church. We trust that many who were present will let the risen and glorified Christ reign and rule more and more in their hearts. As St. Paul says: "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God; set you affections on things above, not on things of the earth."

Notwithstanding the stormy night about 40 were present at the home of the rector on March 20th, to study and pray about missions. Instructive readings were given by Mrs. McNamara, Miss Twamley and Miss Browne mostly dealing with the advance movement in connection with the C. M. S. Centenary. Mrs. Marsh sang "The Shepherd's appeal," while a Bible study on the reflex blessing of missionary work brought out such texts as "The liberal soul shall be made fat," "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth," "No man hath left houses and lands for my sake and the gospel's, but shall receive an hundred fold in this present world, with persecutions, and in the world to come life everlasting." After hearty singing, and earnest prayer for the work, a short time was spent in social intercourse.

There was a good attendance at the March C. E. T. S. meeting. After the hymn "Rescue the perishing" and the opening service, Miss McDiarmid gave an instrumental which was encored; Mr. Knight read a most appropriate temperance story; while Miss McQueen and Miss Ethel Wilkinson sang. Another reading and song made up an interesting program. The following resolution was moved by Mr. J. H. Knight, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, and carried unanimously, "That this society regrets the removal of our second vice-president, Mr. L. Archambault from Lindsay, and desires to place on record their appreciation of his earnest labors during the eight years that he has been a member; and to wish him every blessing in his new home in Toronto." The mover and seconder of the resolution, and also the rector, spoke very highly of Mr. Archambault's work. At the close of the meeting three new members were added to the roll.