

THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE.

EDITORIAL.

The Easter services and vestry meetings held within the Deanery seem to have been satisfactory. Especially encouraging are the financial reports. Moreover, Jarvis and Hagersville have shown a marked improvement in spiritual as well as temporal affairs since they were made separate parishes.

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Ascension day will be May 8th. The clergy are requested to hold their local services in the morning and then proceed to York for united service in the evening at a service introductory to the meeting of the Chapter of the Deanery on the 9th. It is expected that the choir of St. John's Church will be assisted by singers from Caledonia and Cayuga.

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The final meeting of the Standing Committee of the diocese for the present synodical year will be on May 7th, and it is thought that the Synod will meet on June 24th.

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The editor has received correct answers to Bible puzzles II, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX and X, and a partial answer to VI, from Hattie Ward of Walpole township.

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As the publisher in England and the printer in Jarvis should at once receive all that is due to them, subscribers will greatly facilitate the business by paying their subscriptions without waiting for another reminder.

JARVIS.

Offerings on Good Friday for the evangelization of the Jews amounted to \$4.04. The names of the S. S. Children who collected contributions for the purchase of Scripture maps and the sums respectively gathered are the following:—Grace Lewis, \$3.20; Florence Jones, \$2.25; Angus Wilson, \$1.65; Constance Spencer, \$1.50; Katie Osborne, \$1.50; Mary Winger, \$1.30; Margaret Ionson, 60c. Prizes have been awarded to these seven young workers. The maps are daily expected. The total sum collected was \$12.00.

Lenten offerings were brought on Easter morning from several of the S. S. children, the amount being \$2.80. This will, as in former years, be sent to the Shingwauk Home, and will, doubtless, do good.

The Easter season was celebrated with great gladness. There were 24 choristers and 77 communicants, while the offerings for various purposes including the S. S. maps amounted to \$52.00. The floral decorations were in great profusion and variety. The singing was ren-

dered with care and feeling, the congregation joining with the choir wherever possible.

The Vestry Meeting was attended by few persons, owing to inclemency of weather; but the business transacted was cheering in its nature. The following facts are interesting:—revenue, \$655.41; expedituæ, \$634.66; new church-warden chosen by incumbent as successor to Mr. C. E. Bourne. Mr. Dawson Aiken; new and third lay delegate to synod, Mr. L. A. LePan; sidesmen, L. A. LePan, E. F. Jones, W. E. Sowter, H. Elmore. Deep regret for the resignation of Mr. Bourne after 25 years' faithful service was expressed. Cordial thanks were tendered to the church-wardens, the organist, and the choir for their highly efficient services during the past year. The surplus of \$20.75 has been applied to the reduction of a debt of \$68.00, money due Mr. Bourne on account of advances made to the parish in previous years. The auditors appointed are Mr. J. A. Burwash and Mr. L. A. LePan. On the whole the parish seems to be in a remarkably prosperous condition.

BAPTISMS.

On Jan. 16th, Francis Henry, infant son of Francis Plunkett and Rosella LePan; sponsors, Louis A. LePan, Henry C. P. LePan, Frances V. Hall.

On March 23rd, Louisa May, infant daughter of Lieut. Edward Thos. and Diana Kelly; sponsors, the parents.

HAGERSVILLE.

The Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, Rector of Deloraine, Man., spent a few days with the Incumbent early in the month and preached at the Friday evening service, March 14th.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Hawke and family in their recent bereavement. A telegram from British Columbia received early last week informed them of the death of their second son, who has been living there for the past ten year's.

We are thankful to hear that Mr. James Howard is progressing as well as can be expected after his recent operation, and we trust that his long illness will soon be terminated by complete recovery to health.

This year the Wednesday and Friday evening services during Lent have been fairly well attended. The week night service will be held from this date on Thursday evening at 7.30.

The Easter services this year were very well attended, the communicants on that day showing an increase of 15 over the number last year. The bright music, well rendered by the choir, and the floral decorations, which were profuse and beautiful, made the services all the more enjoyable.