

## THE CHURCH MONTHLY

### Greeting.

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**T**HE clergy of the Rural Deanery of Haldimand take pleasure in introducing to their parishioners a monthly magazine of church literature and parochial news. The inside or main portion of the periodical is printed in England, and under the title of THE CHURCH MONTHLY is known as one of the best magazines that issue from church press in the world's gigantic metropolis, London the old. The contents of the covers are printed within the Deanery. They are intended to give a brief but correct summary of the doings of clergy and people during each month preceding publication, as well as announce meetings, services, and engagements for the month next following. If preserved for future years, this record will become an important and highly valuable chronicle, and will serve the purpose of a thoroughly reliable parish history. The events in the life of each congregation will be known to the children of those who participated in them. The clergy sincerely hope that their parishioners will be prompt in showing due appreciation of this undertaking, as the price of the magazine is only 35 cents a year, payable in advance. They would draw the attention of their people to the clearness of type, the high standard of literary merit, the excellence of the illustrations, and the regular contribution of high-class sacred music, which are the features of THE CHURCH MONTHLY. They firmly believe that THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE will, if carefully perused, effect much good in church families and advance the Kingdom of Christ the Lord.

### JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

THE chief matters of interest are connected with the Easter services and vestry meetings. The weather on Easter Day was fine and mild. Early Communion was celebrated in St. Paul's church, Jarvis, beginning at 7.30 a. m., when the number of communicants was 30, and the offertory collection was \$3.00.

At All Saints' church, Hagersville, there was full morning service at the usual hour, followed by Holy Communion. The communicants numbered 33, which, though not a large number, is a slight improvement upon any previous record since the present incumbent took charge of the congregation. The attendance at morning prayer was 70, and the offertory collection amounted to the satisfactory sum of \$23.00.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, service was held in St. Paul's church, the attendance being 150, and the offerings amounting to \$14.83. Holy Communion was again celebrated, the recipients numbering 38. The whole number of communicants at Jarvis was, therefore, 68. A pleasing feature of this service was the presentation of the children's Lenten offerings, amounting to \$5.51.

In the evening, at 7 o'clock, service was again held at Hagersville, the congregation numbering 98, and the offertory collection being \$4.14, besides \$7.00, which was presented by the children as the result of their Lenten savings. The incumbent preached in the morning and afternoon from the text, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." In the evening the sermon was founded upon the verse, "Dost thou show wonders amongst the dead?" Both choirs sang the anthem, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, etc.," by Edward Bunnett. Thus four services were held within the parish, and the Holy Communion was celebrated three times.

On Monday, April 16th, the annual vestry meeting of All Saints' church took place in the afternoon, the attendance being good. Mr. John Cline was chosen secretary. Owing to the circumstance that Mr. D. J. Almas, one of the auditors appointed last year, had been chosen by the incumbent in September last to succeed Mr. F. B. Geddes as churchwarden, the accounts presented necessarily lacked the guarantee of accuracy which is afforded by the usual auditors' statement. Auditors were therefore appointed, and it was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at the expiration of a fortnight. Mr. D. J. Almas was again chosen by Rev. P. L. Spencer as churchwarden, and Mr. J. C. Ingles was elected by the vestry as his coadjutor in place of Mr. D. J. Lindsay, who desired to retire. Messrs. Harry Read, Charles Graham, John Cline and D. J. Lindsay were chosen sidesmen. No lay representative was elected, that privilege being accorded the congregation at Jarvis. Mr. D. J. Lindsay will, however, continue to serve in that honorable position. The incumbent strongly urged those present to endeavor to extend the envelope system throughout the congregation, so that the revenue might be available for all expenses as they are incurred. He stated that he hoped to see each congregation show its willingness to raise a somewhat larger amount for clerical maintenance with a view to a division of the parish, and the securing of a resident pastor for Hagersville. He expressed his willingness to make a pecuniary sacrifice provided this desirable arrangement could be effected.