

THE CHURCH MONTHLY.

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

To inaugurate the new year and the new century a service was held in All Saints' Church on the night of Dec. 31st, beginning at 11 o'clock, and closing a few minutes after 12. Thus those present began a fresh stage on life's journey and another period of the world's course with earnest thanksgiving for past mercies and with solemn prayer for future guidance. The bell was tolled precisely at the change from one year and century to another.

A somewhat similar service was conducted in St. Paul's church at 10.30 on New Year's day. At this, as at midnight service, the incumbent spoke on Retrospect and Prospect, reviewing the distinguishing marks of the nineteenth century, and pointing out the things to be aimed at by the church and society during the twentieth century.

During the week beginning with Epiphany, Rev. P. L. Spencer was present at the annual meeting of the Trinity College theological alumni held in the college building, Toronto. He was re-elected diocesan secretary of the Missionary Association. The attendance was over 70, and the papers read were of great interest. Mr. Spencer had an opportunity for recommending to the clergy a *Deaenry Magazine* as a means of doing good.

On the evening of Jan. 15th the adults of the Hagersville congregation joined with the Sunday School children in a parish tea and entertainment. The attendance was remarkably large, and every person seemed to be the happier for the occasion. Before the excellent programme was concluded the children were presented with prize books, according to the marks they had earned during the year 1900.

Rev. Henry Softley of Toronto recently paid a second visit to the parish and took orders for a large number of S. P. O. K. books among the rural parishioners. He expects to finish the canvass of this field in the early summer.

On Saturday, Jan. 26th, the incumbent united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. William W. Robertson, of Paris Plains, and Miss Margaret A. Kelly, of Walpole Township. The ceremony was performed in All Saints' church in the presence of more than the legal number of witnesses. Mr. Spencer, having been spending the previous four days in the city of Brantford for the purpose of aiding the Trinity College Japan mission, found that on account of lack of connection between trains at Caledonia it was necessary to proceed

from the latter place to Hagersville on foot in order to be in time for the marriage. The distance, nine miles, was accomplished without undue fatigue, an emergency ration being taken on the march.

On Sunday, Jan. 27th, there was used for the first time in All Saints' church, a very fine brass altar desk, which was purchased with money given by the parishioners partly in the form of offerings received by the incumbent at his lantern lectures. He hopes that members of the congregation will present other articles, such as an alms dish and altar vases. Gifts like these are beautiful and useful. They may be presented as thanksgiving or memorial offerings. Remember the Lord's commendation, "She hath done what she could." Miss Blanche Park, having on account of the urgency of other duties, resigned her position as organist of St. Paul's church, Mrs. Spencer has been persuaded by the church wardens and the choir to accept the position. All members of the choir are earnestly asked to attend the weekly practice. The service of praise needs careful preparation. We should not offer to the Lord that which costs us no labor, or time or thought.

The incumbent has sent to the Synod office \$18.82 for Foreign Missions—\$6.82 from Hagersville and \$6.50 from Jarvis.

NANTICOKE AND CHEAPSIDE.

Some time ago there appeared in your columns news from this parish. We wish all to know that this part of God's vineyard is fruitful yet, and the work in it progressing, even though very little is heard concerning it.

Mr. Malouy left us last June. From the first of July until the middle of September, the services were conducted by our lay readers, Mr. A. R. Low, and Mr. S. A. Thompson. Since that time the work has been taken by a student from Wycliffe College, J. D. Hull, who will stay with us until May, when it is to be hoped that an ordained man will be found who will continue the good work. Through the kindness of Rev. Mr. Herbert of Port Dover, and Rev. Mr. Spencer of Jarvis, we have administered to us the Sacraments of our Church.

The Rev. A. W. H. Francis of Port Maitland and South Cayuga was here on the 27th of January. He preached an impressive sermon in behalf of the Diocesan Missions. Mr. Hull went to Port Maitland and South Cayuga for this Sunday.

Our W. A. with Mrs. W. H. Davidson as president, is progressing favorably. On January 31st, the ladies of this arm of our church gave a Parlor Social in the Parsonage. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the sum of \$14.60 was realized to assist in furnishing material for the bale.

DIED.—On January 11th, Mr. Wilson Jackson of Nanticoke. The remains were interred in Christ Church cemetery, Nanticoke.