

## *A Happy New Year to Our Readers !*

With this issue The Haldimand Deanery Magazine begins the second year of its existence. The interest shown in the paper during the past year has been such as to encourage those who were chiefly instrumental in starting it, to continue its publication. It is felt that in addition to putting into people's hands the excellent reading matter of a well-edited English church magazine, it may be made to materially serve the interests of the church in the Deanery, as a medium for local news. One improvement and one change that takes place with the New Year may be mentioned.

Last year the supply of the English Magazine came all at one time by freight. They were the 1899 numbers of the "Church Monthly," which were issued month by month during the corresponding months of 1900. This year the supply, 250 copies per month, will come by post and will be the current issue for the year 1901. The Magazine will thus be strictly "up-to-date."

With this number, at the request of the clergy present at the Deanery meeting in September last, the Rev. A. W. H. Francis undertakes the management of the paper. The Rev. P. L. Spencer, at whose proposal shortly after he came to the Deanery in 1899 the magazine was issued, has had the work of piloting the paper through its first year. It was felt that the work of supervision might appropriately now be done by a younger brother in the ministry, more especially as Mr. Spencer's parish is a large one and he doesn't confine his work for the church to its bounds. Mr. Spencer has, however, kindly consented to contribute from time to time something additional to his strictly parochial items.



### *York.*

The Xmas season just past was surrounded as usual with the pleasant anticipations and hopes of myriads the young and old, who planned and hoped lovingly in accordance with the hallowed spirit of this season. The officials and congregation of St. John's parish, the superintendent, teachers and scholars of our Sunday School, feel convinced that they have not for many years enjoyed greater success and experienced holier Xmas thoughts and impulses than those prompted by our annual ser-

vice and children's Xmas night entertainment. A most hearty service of the special psalms, lessons, chants, Te Deum, hymns, etc., was enjoyed on Xmas morning. Mrs. S. N. Davis embellished this service by singing in excellent voice and manner "Nazareth," much to the gratification of the worshippers present. The offertory was a little in excess of former years.

In the evening, the Sunday School children and their teachers and friends assembled in the S. S. Hall. A most interesting program of carols, recitations, drills, club swinging, etc., was presented by the scholars, and both highly pleased their relatives and friends, also showed painstaking care and training by the teachers as well as much natural aptitude for such exercises on the part of those who took part therein. The feature of the evening, which more than realized anticipations, was an old fashioned pantomime entitled "The Old Oak Chest, or The Mistletoe Bough." The various costumes, etc., were most appropriate and the presentation of the details of the old romance was very effective, as constant applause from the audience amply testified. Every member of this amateur company acquitted himself or herself admirably. This happy gathering dispersed homeward after the many useful and valued gifts had been taken from the Xmas tree and other receptacles, and distributed to scholars and teachers of the School. Although the children and teachers were admitted free and the other attendants paid but a small fee of 15c and 10c, the proceeds reached the snug amount of \$31.20, thus defraying all expenses and leaving a balance in the S. S. Fund.



### *Jarvis and Hagersville.*

On Sunday, Dec. 16th, the incumbent exchanged duties with Mr. John D. Hull, who is in temporary charge of Nanticoke and Cheapside. He administered the Holy Communion to each congregation.

On Friday, the 21st, he was present at the closing exercises of the Hagersville High School, at which he gave one of the addresses on progress during the nineteenth century, having chosen for his subject, "Discoveries in Bible Lands." He dealt with the importance attached to the finding of the Rosetta Stone, the Moabite Stone, the Silvan inscription, and the tablets of Nippur Babylonia. The HAGERSVILLE NEWS speaks of the address in highly complimentary terms.