

THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE.

ered by Mr. Mitchell, Hamilton, Miss Graham, Toronto, Miss Thompson, Hamilton, Mr. Sterling, Jarvis, with Miss Lewis, Hagersville, as accompanist, all of whom deserve our warm thanks. The net proceeds amounted to \$88. Much credit is due to the untiring efforts of the ladies for the large measure of success.

We wish to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. John Graham, whose father, Mr. Charles Simon passed to his rest on Sept. 18th.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert of Port Dover officiated in All Saints' on Sunday, the 28th ult, the incumbent going to Port Dover and Vittoria to preach at the Harvest Festival in those places. Our own Harvest Festival will, D V., be held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M. A., rector of Dunnville, is to be the special preacher.

DUNNVILLE.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The illustration on the front page of this magazine is a picture of St. Paul's Church, Dunnville. The corner stone was laid in 1886, and the building completed in 1887. The seating capacity is 350, but this can be largely increased in time of need. It is a fine brick edifice, and seldom do finer grounds surround a church than those in which St. Paul's stands.

Many years ago, about 1846, the first Anglican Church was erected in Dunnville. It stood where the present church now stands, but it was moved to the N. E. corner of the grounds when the new building was erected. It still stands there, though now used only for a Sunday School.

The first regular Incumbent was the Rev. Adam Townly. Before his time and in the early days when Dunnville was emerging from the primeval forest, when communication was almost entirely by water, and roads were little more than tracks through the bush, the little village (it had about 6 houses in 1829) was visited occasionally by the Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill of York, whose ministrations carried him principally on horseback, over 2 or 3 counties, and whom early settlers remember as a small man accustomed to ride a very large horse. Later on, the Rev. C. B. Gribble, who had come out from England in 1841, became Rector of Christ Church, Port Maitland and sometimes held service here; but it was not till about 1846 that there was a regular church in Dunnville. About that time the Rev. Adam Townly took charge of the triple parish of Dunnville, Port Maitland and South Cayuga, and lived on the Glebe lands near Pt. Maitland (1846-1855) His successor, Rev. John Flood, was the first resident clergyman in Dunnville (1855-1866). About 1863 he moved into the rectory that is still in use but which we expect very soon to

give place to a more comfortable and substantial structure. Then came Rev. Noah Disbrow (1869-77), and afterwards Rev. Percy Smith (1877-88), who was the last to hold the triple charge. It was during the incumbency of the last-named clergyman that the present church was built; and a strong proof of his energy and success is afforded by the fact that when he left the parish in 1888, about a year after the church was finished, the mortgage against the building was for only \$2,500, although it had cost \$8,000 or \$9,000. His successor, Rev. Thos. Motherwell, (1888-1902) further reduced the debt to \$750.00, and in his time many improvements were made both in the grounds surrounding the church and in the interior of the edifice, about \$300 being spent in interior decoration in 1895, and in 1896 a very handsome stained glass window being placed in the Church as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ramsey. During this year a smaller window has been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Conolly in memory of their infant son. There are also a Lectern and a fine Communion table commemorating respectively Mrs. Eleanor Blott and Mr. and Mrs. Arr Brownson, all staunch supporters of the church in days gone by.

The present Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, came to us only last June, but he has made himself very popular indeed. He is a young man full of energy and zeal, and under his ministry the attendance and interest in the church have largely increased. We hope that this improvement will continue and that an era of larger usefulness, of truer work, and of purer love for the Master may be in store for St. Paul's Church.

SOUTH CAYUGA.

The harvest thanksgiving services on Sept. 11th in St. John's church and the Deanery Meeting on the following day at "The Elms" brought together the majority of the clergy of the county. The preacher on the 11th was Rev. N. I. Perry of St. Catharines. Lack of space forbids an adequate description of the proceedings on the two days. The weather co-operated with the beautiful surroundings at "The Elms" to make the visit and conference truly enjoyable. Devotion, business, and social pleasure were joined in due proportion. The clergy were particularly pleased to find that Mrs. George Docker, the honored head of the household, now in her 92nd year, was able to be present in the house of the Lord and to take a lively interest in the object of their gathering as well as in their personal comfort and entertainment. They fervently hope that she may be spared several years to continue "a mother in Israel" and the chief figure in so much that is attractive and delightful. The next place of meeting will be Jarvis, the date being in December.