

Greeting.

THE 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

HAGERSVILLE.

On Tuesday, the 16th of January, the Bishop visited this village, and performed the interesting and impressive function of the consecration of All Saints' church, Rural Dean Scudamore, of York; Rev. E. H. Maloney, of Nanticoke; Rev. M. M. Goldberg, of Port Dover, diocese of Huron, and the incumbent, Rev. P. L. Spencer, took part in the service. The congregation was large, there being present many persons belonging to other communions, besides a contingent of the members of St. Paul's church, Jarvis. The extensive repairs and improvements which the Hagersville church has, during the past three or four months undergone, were apparent in the cleanliness, brightness and beauty of both nave and chancel. After the shortened form of Evensong, which followed the distinctive service of consecration, the Bishop preached on the history and value of public worship, taking for his text Ps. cxvii., 8: "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thine house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth." Laying stress upon the two essentials of public worship, viz., the presence of God and the presence of worshippers, he exhorted the men of the congregation to be as zealous and earnest as the women. All felt the force of his lordship's remarks, and there is reason to believe that their effect will be lasting for good. He closed his discourse with words of hearty congratulation and warm commendation addressed to all who have been laboring to render the consecration possible. The church was erected about 30 years ago on a site presented by David Almas, Esq., who had the joy of being present at the service on the 16th inst. The building is said to stand on the highest point of land between the city of Hamilton and the village of Port Dover. On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the clergy, whose number was augmented by the arrival of Rev. Arthur Francis, of South Cayuga, held their winter meeting at the chapter of the deanery of Haldimand, the day beginning with Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Much business of value was transacted, including the appointment of a committee to arrange details for a Sunday school con-

vention to be held within the deanery in June. The Rural Dean's invitation to hold the next meeting in York was accepted, the date to be some day in the month of May.

The Christmas service was held at 9 a. m., there being present 37 persons, of whom 27 received the Holy Communion. The offerings amounted to \$12.50. The anthem was the same as at Jarvis. The decorations were formed of imported evergreen material, and were extremely tasteful and becoming.

On Sunday, the 14th of January, Foreign Missions were aided to the amount of \$9.60. The collection at the Deanery service at 8 a. m., on the 10th of January, was \$2.05, and on the 28th Diocesan Missions received help to the amount of \$4.40.

JARVIS.

The Christmas service, held at noon, was largely attended. The communicants numbered 46, and the offertory collection amounted to \$18.00. An editing feature of the service was the singing of the anthem, "Behold! I bring you good tidings, &c.," one of the fine compositions of Sir John Goss. The decorations were neat and tasteful, the chief feature being the text, in white letters on a scarlet ground, arranged along the reredos, "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given."

On January 21st the incumbent preached missionary sermons in three of the churches of Brantford; and during the remainder of that week he delivered illustrated missionary lectures in Brantford, Onondaga and Middleport, Mr. W. J. Bran, B. A., of Trinity College, Toronto, supplying his place in Jarvis and Hagersville. On the 28th he exchanged places with Rev. Rural Dean Scudamore of York, each preaching on the subject of Diocesan Missions. Mr. Spencer preached also in Caledonia on the evening of the same day.

On Sunday, the 14th, the offerings for Foreign Missions amounted to \$3.66, and on the 28th \$4.00 was given for Diocesan Missions.

The beginning of the new year was marked by a service held in St. Paul's church at 10 a. m., the attendance numbering 27.

During January, lantern lessons on "A Trip to and Through Old England," with special reference to Westminster Abbey, were given in the S. S. building. The attendance was remarkably good, and the contents of the lantern treasury were increased by \$3.71.

On January 8th, 9th and 10th, Rev. P. L. Spencer was present at the annual gathering of the Trinity College clergy. The Bishop of Niagara conducted a quiet day, the remainder of the time being spent in useful study and discussion.

BAPTIZED.

On Sunday, January 14th Marion Estella, infant daughter of Frank and Carrie Somers'; sponsors, the parents.

An unavoidable delay in the arrival of the magazines from England has caused the January number to appear out of season. It is expected that the numbers henceforth will come to subscribers punctually and regularly. Mr. Spencer hopes that every family will take the periodical.

CALEDONIA.

MARRIAGES.

MELLISH—RYAN—On December 20th, at St. Paul's Rectory by the Rev. Wm. Bevan, Charles Herbert Mellish, of Caledonia, to Maggie Bell Ryan, also of Caledonia.

DICKENSON—BRIERLY—On January 24th, 1900, Frederick H. Dickenson, of North Glanford, to Emily Briarly, of Caledonia, by the Rev. Wm. Bevan, at the residence of the bride's father.