

THE CHURCH MONTHLY.

That which appears most prominent in these statistics is the great difference between the two congregations in the matter of actual communicants. Those who have been confirmed should take this to heart and consider whether they in their own case are doing their Lord's will, as that is expressed in the solemn admonition. "Do this in remembrance of Me." The one test of the strength of a congregation is not money, but earnest devotion to the service of Christ. Apart from this difference and the inequality that exists in church attendance, the ordinary congregations show a remarkable similarity. The incumbent has tried to deal with them justly and fairly, and he believes that he has to a large extent succeeded. Never during his ministerial career has he labored on Sundays with less time for refreshment. Two S. S. lessons and three services, sometimes four, have almost completely filled the portions of the holy day not needed for the journeys between the stations. He is thankful that having enjoyed health and strength during the past year, he has been obliged to omit no appointed service or function.

BAPTISMS.

In All Saints' church on April 28rd, Norman, Hazel, John, Clarence, Charles, Whitney, and Freda, children of William and Esther Jane Hawke, of Hagersville.

On the same occasion Ada, child of John and Helen Beighton, residing temporarily in Hagersville.

BURIAL.

On April 26th, in St. Paul's church graveyard, Herbert E. Catherwood, of Walpole township, aged 24 years, a victim of that dread disease, consumption, "the white man's plague." While war kills its thousands, consumption kills its tens of thousands. Nevertheless, as disease cannot kill the spirit, we try to say, "It is well." A peaceful death, though early, is better than a troubled one that comes after many years.

The visit of Rev. F. W. Kennedy to the parish was greatly enjoyed both in Jarvis and Hagersville. His illustrated address given on April 22nd, and his sermon preached on the 23rd, were full of interesting and encouraging information. May his future work in Japan, be greatly blessed by the Lord!

At the Hagersville vestry meeting on Easter Monday Messrs. D. J. Almas and C. I. Angles were re-chosen to be church wardens, and Messrs. H. A. Howard, Chas. Graham, J. H. Cline and W. H. Seymour were appointed sidesmen. Mr. D. J. Lindsay was re-elected lay representative to Synod. At the Jarvis meeting on the following day Messrs. C. E. Bourne and Thos. Lewis were again chosen to be church wardens, and Messrs. E. F. Jones, W. E. Souter, L. Lapan and D. Aiken were elected sidesmen.