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NANTICOKE.

A solemn memorial service was held in both Nanticoke and Cheapside on Sunday, April 20th, in honor of the gallant Canadians who fell at the battle of Kleinharts River, S. A., on March 31st. The service in Cheapside was especially in memory of Corporal Knisley of Selkirk, who, we are sorry to say, was amongst the slain. Rev. Mr. Cotton took his text from Jud 5:18, "Zebulun and Naphthali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their Country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
By fairy hands their knell is rung:
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell a weeping hermit there."

CAYUGA.

The small picture on the cover of the Magazine this month is that of St John's Church, Cayuga. Although the work of an amateur photograph, Mr C. C. Gibson, it gives a very good idea of the architectural beauty of the building and its surroundings. Substantially built of stone and well finished within and without the present St. John's church will stand as a fitting monument to the self-denying efforts of the Rev. J. Francis, B. D., during whose incumbency it was erected.

The ground upon which the building stands is already historic church ground, upon it have stood two other church buildings. Of the first scarcely any one can give an accurate account, those who worshipped within its walls having all gone to their rest. It was built of wood, and was destroyed by fire, after which the Church people were obliged to worship in a hall and later in the Court house, until the second building was erected in 1853. The latter was constructed of wood and was considered a good building in its day; but after long years of usefulness it was finally taken down and replaced by the present up-to-date church building, the corner stone of which was laid in the year 1896.

Previous to the erection of any church building the Rev. Dr. Miller ministered occasionally in the hotel and school-house from 1835 to 1837. From 1837 to 1838 the Rev. H. O'Neil rendered similar service. Many persons, however, were baptized by the late Sheriff Martin who was in Holy Orders, although never in charge of any parish. The great missionary, Rev. B. C. Hill, of whom we have heard already

in the history of York parish, began his ministrations in 1838, and succeeded in laying the foundation of what many years afterwards became the parish of Cayuga. Since Mr. Hill passed to his rest the following clergymen have ministered to the congregation of St. John's church: The Rev. H. Mussen, M. A., now rector of Collingwood; Rev. J. M. Ballard B. A., to 1874, now rector of St. Anne's, Toronto; the Rev. R. J. Locke, B. A., 1874-78, now superannuated; the Rev. Wm Lumsden, M. A., 1878-82; the late Rev. A. Boulton, B. A., 1882-89; The Rev. J. Francis, B. D., 1889-1900; The Rev. W. E. White, M. A., 1900.

The Vestry meeting of St. John's church, Cayuga, was held on Monday, April 7th. The various reports were satisfactory. The accounts of the fiscal year gave a balance on the right side, and showed the total revenue to have been \$1,100.85, to which the W. A. contributed about \$200. More than \$100 will be applied to the church debt. The following officers were elected: Rector's warden, W. T. C. Morson; People's warden, H. Gardiner; Treasurer, Mr. Farmer; Lay-delegate, W. T. C. Morson; Sidesmen, J. Sheppard, C. C. Gibson, E. Davis, S. Cotter; Grounds Committee, E. Davis, R. Martin, A. K. Goodman.

JARVIS.

On Sunday, May 11th, Rev. T. H. Cotton, conducted the services in St. Paul's church, Mr. Spencer celebrating Holy Communion at Nanticoke and Cheapside. The latter clergyman was greatly pleased by the evidences of spiritual life and energy in Mr. Cotton's parish.

The Junior Auxiliary is showing great interest in missionary study and work, and the attendance continues good.

The Synod Assessment, \$5.60, has been paid, and the Apportionment has been completed, the Willing Workers' Society having generously voted \$10.00 towards the latter and the Ladies' Guild having cheerfully added \$5.00.

The church has been thoroughly cleaned, the S. S. building included. Trees have been planted in the church yard. Several new monuments have been erected in the cemetery. The church and its surroundings present a pleasing and impressive appearance. In order to provide abundance of water for flowers and grass plots in the cemetery the churchwardens have sunk a cistern in rear of the S. S. building.

The Lord Bishop has appointed Sunday, the 25th inst., for Confirmation at Nanticoke, Jarvis and Hagersville. The service will be as follows: Nanticoke 11 a. m.; Jarvis 3 p. m.; and Hagersville 7 p. m. All candidates are earnestly requested to be present at the meetings of the classes until that date.

The incumbent has lately preached a course of special sermons on Mohammedanism, Mormonism, Spiritualism, and Christian Science.