

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

The Lenten services in both churches were fairly well attended; in one or two cases, remarkably so. The incumbent preached in the evenings a course of sermons the characteristics of a true branch of Christ's church, stating them to be as follows: The Episcopalism of Government, Ceremonial Services, Confirmation of Members, Liturgical Worship, The Eucharistic Feast, Scriptural Standards, Infant Baptism, Alms and Charities. For memory's sake he showed that these words had for their initial letters the letters composing the word *Ecclesia*, the Latin name for the congregation of the faithful or "The Church." During the month offerings for the Apportionment continued to be received, thus lightening the labor of collectors who were finally requested to call upon contributors.

On Sunday, the 15th, the incumbent preached on the life and work of St. Patrick. In the course of the sermon he read portions of the so-called "breast-plate" of the saint, and pointed out the interesting fact that this profession or creed lacked the doctrines peculiar to the Church of Rome. He stated that the belief entertained by the eminent apostle of Ireland was similar to the belief held by loyal members of the Anglican Church of this day, and remarked that St. Patrick's Day might be celebrated by the latter without in the least degree changing their attitude of firm adherence to the principles of the Reformation.

During the month lantern lessons on the Holy Land were given in the S. S. building in Jarvis, the attendance excellent and the interest considerable. The offerings received by the incumbent at these and similar meetings since the beginning of last autumn have been sufficient to allow the purchase of nearly three dozen slides, which have been found highly helpful in maintaining the work. During the autumn offerings had been liberally given in Hagersville at the Church Histories, and these sums were added to the Jarvis contributions. The incumbent hopes to give Hagersville other courses of lantern lessons. The chief difficulty has been the lack of a suitable building.

Slides about \$26.00 spent in slides Mr. Spencer has used \$25.00 for the Trinity College Mission in Japan, and used in lessening the debt on the church built by F. W. Kennedy of Matsumoto. The latter sum has been obtained at meetings held in York, Port Dover, Port Maitland, South Cayuga and Dunnville. Mr. Spencer desires to thank those kind parishioners of Hagersville, who have shown him hospitality during the winter. The privilege of remaining at a comfortable house for the night and of obtaining suitable shelter for his four-footed servant has been highly appreciated.

After making careful enquiry respecting possible candidates for Confirmation the incumbent has decided not to request the Bishop to visit the parish for "the laying of hands" in the early part of the coming summer. He hopes to do so in the autumn of this year or in the following spring.

there will be a considerable number of young persons "ready and desirous to be confirmed." At present a few are of sufficient age, but it is thought to be well to wait for others.

The following interesting particulars were obtained from the report of the Jarvis Women's Guild, recently presented.

Guild organized in 1890.	
Given to church building fund since that time	\$1187 47
Two memorial church windows	30 00
Sunday School repairs, etc.	694 40
Cash in bank	55 00
	\$1966 87

Members—25.
Monthly fee—10c.
Meetings held weekly.

This shows excellent and admirable work, and should encourage the members of the congregation to give the Guild their heartiest support.

CALEDONIA.

Canon Fornerett, of All Saints, Hamilton, on Tuesday, 13th inst., and Rev. E. Whitcombe, of St. Matthews', Hamilton, on Thursday, 22nd inst., preached eloquent Lenten sermons in St. Paul's church, large congregations being present. Canon Sutherland, of St. Mark's Hamilton, is expected to preach on Friday, 30th inst., and the Rev. Mr. Wade of the Ascension church, Hamilton, is expected for Tuesday, April 3rd. These visiting clergy are greatly adding to the people's interest in the Lenten services.

