

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

Jarvis and Hagersville.

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In accordance with the rule made by the Synod of the diocese, offerings for the assistance of the widows of deceased clergymen who have labored in the diocese, were given in both churches on Sunday, Sept. 30th, Jarvis contributing \$2.87, and Hagersville \$4.74. These sums were subsequently increased to \$3.00 and \$6.00, respectively. The number of widows partially supported by the W. and O. Fund is six, the amount given to each being \$200. Thus the diocese devotes to this fund \$1,200.00 per annum. The clergy are required to pay into the capital account of the fund \$5.00 each per annum. The full amount expected from this parish as its annual contribution to the fund is \$26.00, each congregation being asked to give \$13.00. Last year Jarvis gave \$12.00 and Hagersville \$7.00. The incumbent earnestly hopes that the full amount will be contributed this year. It is not wise to wait until the end of March before giving one's chief offering for any diocesan object. The better way is to give as much as possible as each separate appeal is made. Who will do this for the W. and O. Fund?

Owing to the pastoral vacancy existing in the mission of Nanticoke and Cheapside, Rev. P. L. Spencer has performed several duties within that mission. On Sept. 28th he baptised in the church at Nanticoke the following children:

BAPTISMS.

Charlotte Marguerite, daughter of Robert J. and Anna L. Evans, born Aug. 15th.

Hazel Adelaide, daughter of James and Margaret L. Townson, born June 19th.

Arthur, son of Robert and Elizabeth Frances Stone, born Oct. 31st, 1899.

Muriel, daughter of John W. and Agnes Evans, born Jan. 1st.

In each case the sponsors were the parents.

On Sept. 26th, Rev. E. H. Molony, of Homer, united in holy wedlock, R. Emerson Millar and

Catherine Parkinson, both of the township of Walpole.

On Sept. 21st, Rev. P. L. Spencer performed the burial office over the body of Florence Martha M. Westerby, the interment taking place in the graveyard of the church at Cheapside. Very true, as applied to the brief life of this little child, are the words of the Psalmist, "Thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even nothing in respect of Thee."

"Safely, safely gathered in,
Far from sorrow, far from sin;
God has saved from weary strife,
In its dawn, this fresh young life;
Now it waits for us above,
Resting in the Saviour's love."

This infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westerby was born into the world on June 16th, was received into the Ark of Christ's Church on Sept. 1st, and was taken to Paradise on the 20th day following.

The incumbent has received a circular from the Bishop requesting a due observance of Thursday, Oct. 18th, St. Luke's Day, as the day of general thanksgiving. The offerings will be used for assisting aged or disabled clergymen, the fund being commonly referred to as the A. and D. C. F. The Bishop lays stress upon the importance of making proper arrangements for the annual missionary services and sermons. This matter will be carefully attended to at the next Deanery meeting. His Lordship asks the clergy to remember that Sunday, Oct. 21st, and Monday, the 22nd, are days appointed by authority for special prayer on behalf of Sunday Schools. He also requests that the eve of St. Andrew's Day, or one of the eight days following, be observed, as a day of intercession on behalf of missions. This is in accordance with the practice of the Anglican Church during the past twenty-eight years. The incumbent fervently hopes that the parishioners will heartily enter into the observance of these days and thus give due heed to the monitions of the chief pastor of the diocese.