

Port Maitland and South Cayuga.

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A feeling of sadness prevails as we write the August news for the magazine. For our first note must be to draw attention to the above list of burials, which shows that FOUR times in TWELVE days the rector was called upon to stand by the graveside, and that the angel of death makes no distinction of age. The first and second burials were of persons who had come to old age, one having passed the "three score and ten," and the other having nearly reached thereto. The third was that of the "infant of days," and the fourth of the young girl on the threshold of womanhood.

Mrs. Johnson had not been a resident in the parish for long, having come, only about a year ago, an invalid, to spend what seemed likely to be the remaining weeks, but what proved to be the remaining months of her life, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Diette. It must have been a great comfort to both thus to be together during these months, the one to give, and the other to receive, tender loving care.

Mrs. Crawford, on the other hand, had spent the greater part of her life in the township. One of the early residents, she was looked up to and esteemed, on account of her many sterling qualities, by a large circle of friends, by whom she will be greatly missed. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of all.

"The days of our age are threescore years and ten," Ps. 90-10. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90-12.

The people of the parish will feel for Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Diette in the loss of their only child.

"Tender Shepherd, Thou hast still'd  
Now thy little lamb's brief weeping;  
Ah how peaceful, pale and mild  
In its narrow bed 'tis sleeping;  
And no sigh of anguish sore  
Heaves that little bosom more.

In the death of Annie Lyons, the congregation of St. John's church loses one of its most highly esteemed young people. The circumstances of her illness and death are peculiarly sad and touching; and to her parents and brother particularly, and her relatives generally, we extend our heartfelt sym-

pathy. The patience, and sweet resignation to God's will, manifested throughout her illness, were in keeping with her quiet, gentle and consistent Christian life.

"The sweet remembrance of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

"Days and moments quickly flying  
Blend the living with the dead;  
Soon will you and I be lying  
Each within our narrow bed.

Jesu, the infinite Relearner,  
Make of this mighty frame,  
Teach, O teach us to remember  
What we are and whence we came.

O by Thy power grant, Lord, that we  
At our last hour fall not from Thee;  
Saved by Thy grace, Thine may we be  
All through the days of eternity."

The annual Sunday School picnic of both Sunday Schools, was held at "The Elms" on the 15th. It proved the most successful one of the last four years. A baseball match, played in Mr. Docker's large field, between girls and boys, added to the interest and enjoyment of those present. The ice-cream feeding contest, blindfolded, while it had not many entries, created considerable amusement. The attendance was about the same as usual; but why could'nt we have the picnic in June before farmers begin haying, and have every household in the parish fully represented.

On Sunday, the 26th, at the morning service at Port Maitland, the incumbent was handed an envelope containing \$15, the proceeds of an entertainment given on the previous evening by the summer visitors at the Taylor cottage, and a note from one of their number, saying that the money was to be used for some object in connection with the "church on the beach," and expressing on behalf of the party, their appreciation of the services of the church. This kindly and graceful act will be appreciated by incumbent, wardens and the congregation generally.

The Bishop will hold a confirmation service at Christ's church on Friday, Oct. 12th.