

PORT MAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

The Rt. Rev. J. Philip DuMoulin, D. C. L., administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, in St. John's, South Cayuga, to 22 candidates presented by the rector, Rev. Mr. Francis. All the arrangements of the bright and hearty service were well carried out, and it was an impressive sight to note the serious, earnest faces and the reverent demeanor of the young people and the one or two older ones as well, as they stood to renew in solemn manner their baptismal vows, and knelt to receive God's blessing in the ancient scriptural way by the "laying on of hands." The Bishop delivered an eloquent and powerful sermon on "Unselfishness" from the text, II Cor. 5:15.

Two additional articles of furniture were placed in St. John's Church during November—both of them gifts. One is a seat for the porch—to replace the old one, which had begun to look rather shabby and shaky—of black ash, solid and substantial, and neat in design and workmanship, made and presented by Mr. Jas. Crawford. The other is a "Bishop's Chair," which for many years stood in the old St. John's Church in the county town, but which has now been transferred to the South Cayuga St. John's, having been bought and presented by Miss F. J. Docker.

Christmas Day falls this year on a Monday. The service will be held in St. John's Church, South Cayuga, at 10.30 a. m.

The people of both congregations are asked to bear in mind the entertainment for the Sunday School children held annually at Christmas-tide, and to remember two things about it: (1) That each family is asked to contribute some little gift for the tree; (2) That the collection at this gathering goes for the Sunday School papers, and that last year it was not sufficient for the usual number to be taken.

JARVIS.

The incumbent's course of Church History lectures, or "lessons," as they might also be termed, came to a conclusion on November 24th. They were seven in number, and, as one was postponed on account of a steady fall of rain they occupied eight weeks, each being given on a Friday evening. The interest and attendance of the people were remarkably well maintained, and the expressions of satisfaction have been numerous. The acetylene gas furnished to the Sunday school building was found to be admirably adapted for ready use in the optical lantern. Many of the parishioners are hoping for the early arrival of a suitable and convenient time for the delivery of another course of lantern lessons.

During Advent there is service every Friday evening.

The Sunday Scholars are practicing carols for Christmas time, and the Willing Workers are busy with preparations for an entertainment to be given on Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

HAGERSVILLE.

The Church History lessons here were given in the church. The attendance was good, and the conduct of these present was reverent. The amount of the offerings given here and at Jarvis was \$20.00, which goes towards the purchase of new slides.

The recent improvements in the church greatly increased the comfort of the congregation. There are brightness, cleanliness, light and warmth to be enjoyed. A kerosene oil lamp in the vestry is highly appreciated by the inmates.

Due preparations for Christmas are in progress, and service every Thursday evening is made during the season of Advent.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Saybrook Waldbrook on account of the recent death of their son Montague, a lad of bright promise. He fell on sleep Nov. 11th, and was buried in St. Paul's churchyard, Jarvis, Nov. 13th.

The recent church improvements have been paid for by personal contributions, augmented by a sum of \$56.00 from the treasuries of the Ladies' Guild and Willing Workers. The church is free from debt, and ready to be consecrated.

The Sunday School entertainment will probably take place on Thursday, Dec. 28th.

CALEDONIA.

After a faithful and conscientious service in this parish for nearly a quarter of a century, the Rev. Mr. Mellish was called to his reward on the 8th of September last. The Bishop held a conference with the church wardens and lay delegates on the 18th of October, and has appointed Rev. Mr. Bevan of Hamilton to succeed our late rector. This appointment meets with the greatest satisfaction on the part of the congregation, who feel very proud indeed that they have been so fortunate as to secure a man who possesses all those qualities which a successful clergyman must have. Mr. Bevan has been taking the services here since Oct. 1st, and the people are delighted with his practical, thoughtful and eloquent sermons. By his kindness, hospitality and amiability our rector has won the love of all our members.

Upon the appointment of a successor to Mr. Mellish, the congregation at once decided to make extensive improvements in the rectory, which they have done by the addition of a story and by the placing of a furnace in the building. This work is now almost completed, and it is expected that Mr. Bevan and his family will move here about the middle of December. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$700, and this parish will then have one of the pleasantest and most comfortable rectories in the deanery.