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words, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will build it up." The choir added much to the special character of the service, by their hearty singing of the anthem and other music selected for the occasion.

NANTICOKE.

On Feb. 16th the incumbent exchanged duties with the Rev. C. Scudamore of York, Rural Dean, and on Feb. 23rd with the Rev. Wm. Bevan, of Caledonia, to make an appeal for Diocesan Missions in the above named places. The Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, M. A., made a similar appeal in Nanticoke parish on Sunday, March 9th.

BURIAL—On Saturday, March 1st, at the public cemetery, Nanticoke, Sarah, beloved wife of James Smith, of Woodhouse. The funeral sermon was preached in Christ Church by the Rev. T. H. Cotton.

BAPTISM—On Feb. 16th, in St. John's Church, Cheapside, by the Rev. C. Scudamore, Rural Dean, Harvey Burton, infant son of Burton and Esther Hurst, of Selkirk.

HAGERSVILLE

Yenten services on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30 have been fairly well attended this year, though there is still room for vast improvement, many not having availed themselves of even one service thus far.

The Women's Auxiliary and Parish Guild are hard at work preparing for a bazaar and entertainment to be held on Tuesday in Easter week. Very successful and well attended meetings for work have been held lately at Mrs. Jones', Mrs. Wilson's, and Mrs. H. Hall's. At the last meeting of the W. A. it was with great regret that the resignation of the Vice-Presidency was accepted from Mrs. Hammil. In her removal from our midst both the W. A. and parish sustain a loss. We trust that every happiness may be hers in her new home. Mrs. Hammill has kindly consented to act as the city representative of our W. A. in Hamilton. Mrs. W. J. Lee was unanimously elected to the vice-presidency in Mrs. Hammill's place.

On Sunday, March 2nd, the new purple, hangings, frontal, and book-markers were in place in the church. Of simple and chaste design they were very much admired by all who saw them. The materials were supplied by the Parish Guild. On the same day the new altar linen provided and worked by Miss Almas was used for the first time. Our best thanks are due to the Guild and to Misses Lawson, Almas, and Seymour, and Mrs. Lee for their work in this connection.

PORTMAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

In the death, on Sunday morning, Feb. 16th, of Miss Emma Docker, after a brief final illness of two weeks' duration, this parish loses a faithful member and a zealous worker. In the days when the services were supplied from Dunnville, Miss Docker was the leading spirit in organizing and keeping up a Sunday School at St. John's; and there are in the parish to-day men who are drawing near to the time for retiring from the active duties of life and who speak with love and respect for their Sunday School teacher. The congregation of Christ Church, with which she had been chiefly identified in recent years, will miss not only her actual assistance, but the influence of the bright and inspiring interest with which any good work always met with at her hands. The members of the Christ Church branch of the W. A. have forwarded to Mrs. Docker a kindly-worded resolution of sympathy; and it is their intention to place in the church a brass desk for the Holy Table as a memorial. The funeral took place on Tuesday, 18th, at St. John's, and was largely attended. At the wish of the deceased the two hymns sung were No. 401, "Now the laborer's task is o'er," and 232, "Light's abode, celestial Salem,"; and the selection may be seen to indicate the deep religious faith and convictions which marked her life.

The annual meeting of the St. John's Branch of the W. A. was held at Mrs. W. A. Dickhout's on Monday, 24th. Eight members were present. Bad roads, bad weather, and sickness have as in former years been the cause of some of the meetings being very small; and this year the absence during most of the Auxiliary year of the energetic secretary, to whose zeal and influence the Branch owes much, has also been felt. Nevertheless, the society has done good work, and the interest of the members has been shown to be steady and earnest. The reports of the secretary and treasurer, as presented and adopted, are given below. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Miss C. I. Docker; Vice-President, Mrs. Jas. Lyons; Treas., Miss Fanny Docker; Secretary, Miss I. J. Logan; Rector's nominees, Mrs. Watson Logan, and Miss Docker; Delegates to Diocesan annual meeting, Mrs. Dickhout and Mrs. S. Bowden; Auditors, Miss Tom Blott and Mrs. Ellen Blott.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary begs to report as follow:—

Again we have through Divine Mercies been permitted to see the close of another "Auxiliary year." During the two years and a half of our existence as a Society who can number the