

THE CHURCH MONTHLY.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, YORK.

Through the zealous kindness of the deanery secretary, Rev. A. W. H. Francis, M. A., we have just had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. F. W. Kennedy, lately returned from Japan, where he labored for 6 years as a missionary under direction of the Canadian Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The first place in the deanery visited was St. John's, and despite an entirely unexpected snowstorm on the 20th April, 40 parishioners were present at Matins on Sunday, 21st ult. Mr. Kennedy's address was listened to with much interest, and when finished left a regret that so little time was at his disposal to tell such living experience of true missionary labors among the intelligent natives of far-off Japan.

Our Sunday School children and their teachers also had the pleasure of a 15 minute discourse in the S. School on the same topic.

The church would have been well filled (as a notice was sent to The Sachem and some small hand bills circulated during the preceding week) had this snowstorm been weather bound somewhere in the Rocky Mountains, instead of appearing on schedule time in Haldimand County on the 20th ult. Whilst rector, church officials and members of the congregation enjoyed this excellent and practical exposition of missionary life and work, Mr. Kennedy seemed to put up good naturedly with the breaks of the weather, and stated that his short stay at York was a pleasant one. The collection was reduced by the change of weather, and amounted to \$3 80 which has been sent to Mr. J. J. Mason for this particular missionary work of the D. and F. Missionary Society. In the afternoon the missionary was driven down the river to Cayuga and handed over to the care of the incumbent, Rev. W. E. White, M. A., and his congregation in due time for evening service.

The rural dean gladly reports that vigorous progress has been made in building a frame church on the corner of W. J. Ramsey's farm, 3rd con., Seneca, and desires the clergy of the deanery to consider this a preliminary notice and invitation to the opening, to be definitely fixed later, at the end of May or very early in June. Excellent workmanship by Messrs. John Robinson, W. J. Ramsey, Alonzo Morrison and M. Runchey; good material, and the application of common sense and experience, will ensure a neat, warm and useful house of God, as the spiritual home of the residents of this part of Seneca Township.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DUNNVILLE.

Over seventy members of St. Paul's church received communion on Easter Sunday. This was their largest number for many years.

On Easter Monday the annual Vestry Meeting was held, and was fairly well attended. The Wardens presented their reports showing receipts for the year \$387.29, and expenditures \$989.61. Mr. Brett and Mr. Fisher were nominated for wardens for the ensuing year. Mr. Chas. Stevens was re-appointed Lay delegate to Synod. A vote of thanks was passed to the Wardens, the Womans' Auxiliary, the Junior Womans' Auxiliary, the organist, and the choir for their services through the past year.

The Junior Auxiliary have been busy again. They gave an entertainment on April 9th that netted about \$20.00. With the proceeds they have put two gas lights into the chancel of the church, and one in the vestry. This is quite an improvement. They are also putting the water-works into the rectory grounds. This has been needed very much for some time.

The Woman's Auxiliary are busy working to get ready their annual bale for the North-West.

Mrs. Motherwell went to Hamilton on April 24th to attend a meeting of the W. A. of the diocese, and was very much impressed and interested with what she saw and heard. One or two others had hoped to go, but were prevented at the last.

On April 28th the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, a missionary from Japan, preached in St. Paul's church in the evening, and gave a very interesting account of his work in that distant country, closing a very interesting address with an earnest appeal for help and especially for the prayers of the church that his efforts might prosper, and suggesting that as the sun was sinking slowly in the west we might think and pray for those upon whom it, the same sun, was beginning to dawn, recalling to us the words of the beautiful hymn, "The sun, that bids us rest, is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky."

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

On Good Friday the offerings given for the evangelization of the Jews amounted to \$7.63, Jarvis contributing \$4.83, and Hagersville \$2.80. A friend afterwards added sufficient to make the total reach \$10.00, which amount has been sent to Synod.

On Easter day St. Paul's congregation gave for different purposes \$34 68, and All Saints' \$21.52. To these sums may be added \$5.60 from the Jarvis Sunday School, and \$4.12 from the Hagersville S. S., these sums being the result of Lenten self-denial on the part of teachers and scholars. At St. Paul's the number of communicants was 70, at All Saints' 33.

The following figures taken from the incumbent's report to the Bishop for the year 1900-01. should prove interesting:—

	Jarvis	Hagersville
No. of families.....	52	56
No of souls.....	230	230
Baptisms.....	18	4
Confirmed.....	8	11
Whole number who have been confirmed.....	124	130
Communicants.....	100	75
Largest attendance at H.C.	68	37
No. of Sunday services....	79	80
No. of work day services..	26	23
Sunday average attendance	121	92
Work day average "	41	32
Marriages.....	3	4
Burials.....	8	2
Visits to sick.....	59	25
Visits to whole.....	162	200
Clergyman's stipend.....	\$400	\$400
Raised for parish in addition to stipend.....	582	536
Debt.....	800	100
Value of church.....	600	400 (over)