

Greeting.

THE clergy of the Rural Deanery of Haldimand take pleasure in introducing to their parishioners a monthly magazine of church literature and parochial news. The inside or main portion of the periodical is printed in England, and under the title of THE CHURCH MONTHLY is known as one of the best magazines that issue from church press in the world's gigantic metropolis, London the old. The contents of the covers are printed within the Deanery. They are intended to give a brief but correct summary of the doings of clergy and people during each month preceding publication, as well as announce meetings, services, and engagements for the month next following. If preserved for future years, this record will become an important and highly valuable chronicle, and will serve the purpose of a thoroughly reliable parish history. The events in the life of each congregation will be known to the children of those who participated in them. The clergy sincerely hope that their parishioners will be prompt in showing due appreciation of this undertaking, as the price of the magazine is only 35 cents a year, payable in advance. They would draw the attention of their people to the clearness of type, the high standard of literary merit, the excellence of the illustrations, and the regular contribution of high-class sacred music, which are the features of THE CHURCH MONTHLY. They firmly believe that THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE will, if carefully perused, effect much good in church families and advance the Kingdom of Christ the Lord.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The clergy of the deanery are pleased to be able to state that the magazine has met with a favorable reception among their parishioners, and that there is a prospect of the circulation reaching 250 copies per month. They regret that owing to several adverse circumstances the publication of the January, February and March numbers has been late and irregular but they have reason to think that henceforth the numbers will appear seasonably and at proper intervals. The price at which the periodical is sold is at present not quite sufficient to meet the cost; but as the circulation increases, the loss will diminish. The clergy would rather draw a little from the deanery fund to make good the deficit than raise the price above the paying power of any humble parishioner. They recommend the preservation of the magazine, as some of the items to be published on the inside pages of the covers will be of permanent interest and value. They earnestly advise and request their

parishioners to consult them early before appointing the time for a marriage or a burial, and in the case of the latter not to ask that the service be performed on a Sunday, unless circumstances render such arrangement unavoidable. They desire to be informed promptly concerning sickness in the family of any parishioner and also respecting the arrival of any new Church family or person within a parish.

PORT MAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

During February the first annual meetings of the W. A. were held; that of the Christ Church Branch on Thursday, 1st, and of the St. John's Branch on the 15th. On both occasions the Holy Communion was administered in the Church in the morning. Thus, appropriately, by gathering on their annual meeting day, first in the "House of Prayer," did the members show that they are banded together not only to "work" but also to "pray."

The business meeting in the afternoon showed that during the few months since the organization of the Branches substantial progress had been made; and that the members were gradually becoming conversant with the different phases and details of the Society's work.

Most enjoyable was the hour spent at lunch, and thanks are due to Mrs. Splatt and Mrs. Docker for their hospitality.

The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:

CHRIST CHURCH BRANCH.

President—Miss Agnes Docker.
Vice-President—Mrs. John Bradford.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. Brennan, Jr.
Secretary—Miss Splatt.
Rector's Nominees—Mrs. Armour and Mrs. Hamilton.
Delegates to Diocesan Board—Miss E. Docker and Miss Stephens.
Auditors—Miss Ida Splatt and Miss Stephens.

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH.

President—Miss C. I. Docker.
Vice-President—Mrs. J. Blott.
Treasurer—Miss Lizzie Bate.
Secretary—Miss I. J. Logan.
Rector's Nominees—Mrs. S. Bowden and Mrs. T. Blott.
Delegates—Miss F. J. Docker and Mrs. T. King.
Auditors—Mrs. Crawford and Miss F. I. Docker.

The Literary Society's annual entertainment given in the Marshall school house on the 19th was a decided success. The programme was along the same lines as in former years, though more varied, perhaps. The proceeds were largely in excess of previous occasions, being \$27.65 with only 75c expenses.

On Ash Wednesday there was service in the morning in St. John's Church. The storm prevented the evening service in Christ Church from being held.