

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

On Tuesday, 19th of June, the incumbent and Mr. C. E. Bourne went to Hamilton to attend the annual meeting of the Synod. Among the matters agreed upon was the adoption of a new canon on clerical stipends, the chief feature of which was the requirement that before the appointment of a clergyman to a charge an endeavor should be made to secure for him a stipend of at least \$600 and a residence free of rent and taxes. Mr. Spencer was elected one of the twelve delegates to the Triennial Provincial Synod, whose meetings are held in Montreal. He was chosen also a member of the Standing Committee of the diocese.

The bales of clothing sent to the Shingwauk Home at the Sault Ste Marie by the ladies of the two congregations of the parish were duly received by the principal and his wife. A letter in acknowledgment of their arrival has been received by Mrs. Spencer, in which a very warm expression of gratitude is given, and along with the letter there has come a copy of the annual report of the Home, which report contains a large amount of extremely interesting reading and shows that the institution is doing an excellent work in training the Indian lads to become intelligent and useful Christians.

The members of All Saints' congregation have sustained a loss in the removal of Dr. and Mrs. Jones from Hagersville. The latter was an earnest member of the Women's Guild. In a quiet way she did much to promote the prosperity of that part of the parish.

The Deanery Magazine has met with great favor in both Jarvis and Hagersville, and the number of subscribers now exceeds one hundred. This is a convincing proof that the enterprise was wisely conceived, and that the periodical is largely fulfilling its purpose. In a short time it will be still more warmly welcomed, as it will appear in season.

On Tuesday, June 26th, Rev. P. L. Spencer attended a meeting at Trinity College, Toronto, to bid farewell to Rev. C. H. Shortt and Rev. G. E. Ryerson, who go to Japan as missionaries sent from the college to labor in that land.

CAYUGA.

On the evening of May 16th, the Rev. P. L. Spencer, of Jarvis, gave an exhibition of a large number of views connected with the War in South Africa in the town hall to a good sized audience, who were much pleased with both the views and the remarks illustrating and explaining them. The net proceeds were applied to the tuning of the beautiful pipe organ in St. John's church, which was carried out the week before by the brother of the lecturer, Mr. Walter Spencer, of Hamilton.

The spacious grounds around the church on which so much labor has been spent during the past three years are now beginning to show order and beauty, out of what has been disorder and an eye-sore. The larger part of the grounds have now been seeded down or sodded, and ere long the whole property will be one of the finest in the diocese.

(Crowded out of May number.)

The annual vestry meeting of the parishioners was held on the evening of April 23rd, and was numerously attended. The outgoing wardens presented their report for the preceding year which was very favorable. The wardens appointed for the current year are Messrs. J. W. Sheppard and J. Gratz. The incumbent stated that the floating debt on the new church had been reduced in 2½ years from \$1,000.00 to \$412.00. This balance would have been nearly wiped out except for the loss of certain subscriptions from parties who had left the neighborhood.

The music at the Easter services was very fine, and was under the direction of Mrs. (Dr.) S. N. Davis, who, with her husband and infant child, have since removed to York. Few parishes in the diocese have suffered more than Cayuga during the past few years from the removal to other localities of individuals and whole families. More than half of the confirmation candidates during the past ten years are no longer resident in the parish, while of 64 persons united in holy matrimony by the present rector, only 7 are now living in the parish.