

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

The incumbent's visit to Montreal for the purpose of attending the Provincial Synod, necessitated his absence from the parish on Sunday, Sept. 15th. His place was ably filled by Mr. Harrison Arrell, barrister, of Caledonia, one of the licensed lay readers of the diocese; and to Mr. Arrell are due the thanks of both clergyman and people. On that Sunday, Mr. Spencer delivered a S. S. address at St. Mary's church, Montreal, and preached in St. Jude's church.

On Sunday, the 22nd of September, Rev. T. H. Cotton, M. A., conducted the services in Jarvis and Hagersville, Mr. Spencer celebrating the Holy Communion at Nanticoke and Cheapside. Mr. Cotton left on the next morning for a short vacation, and it is said that after his return the parsonage at Nanticoke will be honored by the presence of a "help meet for him."

On the last Sunday in September the incumbent took duty at Hagersville for the last time as the pastor of All Saints' congregation. The evening sermon was founded on Heb. XIII : 8—"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and forever." After speaking about the changes of various kinds that Christian people experience in this life, the preacher legged his hearers to trust to Him who never changeth. He stated that he heartily approved of the change being made in the parish, and believed that it would be for the advantage of all concerned. The Hagersville News speaks very kindly concerning Mr. Spencer's ministry of two years. The division of the parish indicates progress and improvement. The stipend at Hagersville will be \$600.00. That at Jarvis has been increased from \$400.00 to \$520.00, the incumbent's enjoyment of "commutation" making the whole income \$920.00.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., Jarvis gave \$2.30 for W. and O. fund, and Hagersville \$3.10.

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As the incumbent is now free to devote all his attention to Jarvis, he purposes using two evenings a week for the mental improvement and the spiritual advancement of the congregation of St. Paul's church. These will be the evenings of Wednesday and Friday. He begs the people to remember the Sunday afternoon class for the study of the Bible and the Prayer Book. Both Jarvis and Hagersville should now rejoice. They will have greater privileges than they have ever previously enjoyed. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" "Praise the Lord, ye people."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, YORK.

The superintendent and teachers of St. John's Sunday school and their friends, numbering about 120, held their annual pic-nic on the charming flats by the side of the Grand River at York, forming part of the farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bain, who kindly gave the necessary permission. Friday afternoon, Sept. 6th, was selected for this agreeable outing and was all that could be wished for in point of weather. The superintendent, Mr. W. H. Mallon, marshalled the happy children at about two o'clock in the S. S. hall, and after a brief but hearty service, a procession, headed by the banner class bearing its handsome silk banner beautifully designed and worked by a former teacher, Miss A. Wickett, passed through the little village of York to the south and soon reached the shelter of the splendid shade trees, which form so beautiful a part of the spot chosen for the pic-nic. An excellent list of competitions and races were carried out under the direction of Messrs. D. Dils, Isaac Gowland, Wm. Murdoch and the Superintendent. A first and second prize was awarded to the victors of each of the eight classes forming the school, and two additional prizes called several adults of the party into active competition. Soon after five o'clock a splendidly furnished tea was announced and the company partook of the excellent provisions in hearty, though simple woodland style, the table cloths being spread upon mother earth, which required those partaking of the good things to kneel or recline according to fancy. Friendly manners and good will were shown by all. At about seven o'clock the children and their friends gathered up the baskets, etc., and returned to their homes highly pleased with the pleasant hours so spent, all assenting to the general opinion that this was probably the best pic-nic held in York vicinity for many years—one regret only seemed felt, which was that the few hours had flown too fast.