

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

Port Maitland and South Cayuga.

The incumbent went to Brantford for Sunday, Sept. 2nd, to assist the Rev. J. Bushell, the Rector of Grace Church parish, the Rev. G. C. McKenzie, being absent on his vacation. He officiated at St. James Mission Church in the morning, and at Grace Church in the evening, and preached at St. John's, West Brantford, in the afternoon.

On Sunday, 9th, the Rev. P. L. Spencer officiated at Port Maitland and South Cayuga, having remained over from deanery meeting on the 7th. Mr. Francis was at Jarvis and Hagersville.

On Sunday, 16th, the Rev. P. W. Smith, who was spending a few days at "The Elms" preached at the morning service in St. John's Church.

On Sunday, 23rd, at the request of the Rev. Rural Dean Scudamore, the incumbent preached at the harvest thanksgiving services in St. John's, York.

Mr. Genet, Lay Reader, Brantford, and Mr. Lancefield, of Hamilton, took the services on the 2nd and 23rd respectively.

BURIAL.

At St. John's Church and churchyard on Tuesday, Sept. 4th, John Stephens, in his 90th year.

The autumn meeting of the clergy of the Deanery of Haldimand was held in this parish on the 7th and in connection therewith the annual harvest thanksgiving services of the parish were held on the previous day.

St. John's Church was as usual tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Holy Communion was administered at 10.30 a. m., and the evening service was at 8 o'clock. Two clergy of the Deanery, Revs. Rural Dean Scudamore and P. L. Spencer were, very kindly, the preachers. The offerings—as customary, for the parsonage fund—amounted to \$10.56. The Rev. T. Motherwell was also present and assisted at both services. The Deanery meeting is reported in another column.

The W. A. has resumed work for the winter. Meetings being held during September at Mrs. J. Blott's, Mrs. Lyons', Miss E. Docker's and Miss A. Docker's.

DEANERY MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Deanery was held at the home of Mrs. Docker, "The Elms," Lake Shore, on Friday, Sept. 7th. The morning session was spent in discussing and arranging several matters. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Dunnville, on Dec. 5th, a special service being held in St. Paul's church on the evening of the 4th, at which addresses would be given on "The Coming of Christ Pre-Millennial," by the Rev. P. L. Spencer, and "The Church's Preparation for the Coming of Christ," by the Rev. W. Bevan.

It was agreed to ask the Rev. F. W. Kennedy, lately returned from Japan, to visit and give addresses in the several parishes of the Deanery.

An important subject was brought forward by the Rev. P. L. Spencer, viz: That this Deanery should invite the other Deaneries of the Diocese to co-operate in an endeavor, through the Diocesan Synod, to have the General and Provincial Synods authorize the use at the Lectern of the Revised Version of the Bible. A motion to this effect was carried and the secretary will communicate it to the several Rural Deans of the Diocese. It was arranged that the Rev. A. W. H. Francis should take the editorial management of the Deanery Magazine next year.

In the afternoon the Rev. A. W. H. Francis gave an epitome of the "Life of Bishop How," touching upon the points in the Book that were likely to be of most interest to the clergy. This was followed by the study of a portion of the New Testament in Greek, and of the Prayer Book. The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock, the Rural Dean pronouncing the benediction. The four clergy present were agreed that the time had been pleasantly and profitably spent.