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JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

AT the recent meeting of the Synod of the diocese there was presented the report on the state of the church, which contains much useful information compiled from facts furnished by the rural deans. The portion which relates to the Deanery of Haldimand, shows that there was during the past year an increase of 5 baptisms, of 33 Sunday School scholars, of \$532.00 for objects outside the parishes, and of \$440 in insurance on parsonages. We learn also that there are 11 congregations and 11 church buildings. Of the latter 1 is of stone, 5 are of brick, and 5 are of wood, all being in good condition. The 11 congregations, consisting of 530 families, contribute \$3644.00 for stipends, an average of \$330.00 from each congregation, or about \$7.00 per family. The number of the clergy is 7.

The removal of Rev. E. H. Molony from the deanery is regretted by the other clergymen of the county, as Mr. Molony was a zealous worker in the Lord's vineyard. A Sunday School Convention has been in contemplation, but as Mr. Molony was secretary of the committee of management, a postponement is rendered necessary. Let us hope that he will find things pleasant in the parish of Homer, Grantham, and Virgil, whither he has gone in order to succeed Rev. R. H. McGinnis, who has left Canada to join the Canadian Mission in the Province of Shinano, Japan. The latter will be supported by offerings received annually from the faithful in Canada, by the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the appeal being made by the Bishops at Epiphany.

We understand that the mission of Nanticoke and Cheapside is to be filled shortly.

We hear that John Philip DuMoulin, Bishop of the diocese, will be absent from the diocese for about two months.

The beginning of the 200th year of the life of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was duly observed in the parish on the 17th of the month, the incumbent preaching with special reference to the event and the congregations contributing to the funds of the society. The offerings in St. Paul's church amounted to \$5 51, and those in All Saints' to \$2.07. In the course of the sermon several extracts from the publications of the society were read, and these proved highly interesting to the hearers. At the service in All Saints' church, the members of the local lodge of I. O. F., were present, the day being the 26th anniversary of the foundation of the Order. Suitable reference was made by the preacher to the attendance of the brethren, and a brief survey of the aims and achievements of the organization was given. He particularly remarked upon the interesting fact that the Supreme Chief Ranger of the I. O. F., is a gentleman of Indian blood, and stated the circumstance was an evidence of the great success of British civilization and Anglican evangelization. Attention was drawn also to the coincidence of the day with the date commonly assigned to the death of the first British martyr, St. Alban; and a useful lesson was drawn from the circumstance.

On Sunday, the 24th, one of the sermons treated of the work of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ; and the other dealt with the remarkable events that are associated with the day in the history of N. America, the two chief being the discovery of the east coast of the mainland by John Cabot in 1497 and the arrival of Sir Francis Drake on the west coast in 1579. England thus taking possession of the northern half of the new world for the Anglo-Saxon race and the prevailing type of British Christianity.

The Jarvis Church Guild met on June 7th, at the residence of Mrs. Aiken, when it was moved by Mrs. Bourne, seconded by Mrs. Hartwell and resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered Rev. Arthur Francis, in behalf of the Guild and parishioners, for his beautiful gift of church linen and the same be published in the Deanery Magazine for the ensuing month and a copy be sent the rev. gentleman.