

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

held the first harvest festival in old St. Paul's church, his father, Rev. J. Francis, B.D., being then incumbent of the parish. When the first festival of a similar kind took place in the new church, on the same day of the month, viz, Sept. 28th, in the year 1898, Mr. Francis was present in the chancel as a Presbyter of the diocese and incumbent of a parish in the deanery, and his father preached the sermon, being incumbent of the neighboring parish of Cayuga. The circumstances of the coincidence are extremely interesting. Mr. Francis has made the gift as a thankoffering and memorial

PORT MAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

Four members of the W. A., representing the two branches in this parish, attended the Diocesan annual meeting in Hamilton on the 24th, 25th of April. From their accounts we gather that their visit was enjoyed beyond their expectations and that as regards the church's missionary work it was a revelation. Their unselfish desire is that others may go as delegates next year, for they feel that no one could attend these meetings without catching something of the spirit of enthusiasm and earnestness which characterizes them.

ST. JOHN'S.

The April monthly meeting of the W. A. was held at Mrs. Watson Logan's on the 4th, there being a fair attendance despite the heavy roads. Full arrangements were made for the social to be held on the 17th.

When that date arrived, however, the weather proved very unpropitious, and the four individuals who turned up at Mrs. Crawford's at the appointed hour, not being considered a quorum, the event did not take place. Next morning hand bills of peculiar shape and style were sent abroad by special agents, and it became pretty generally known that the social would be held that evening. Again wet weather kept most of those who purposed going, indoors, but upwards of a dozen were present, and from all accounts thoroughly enjoyed themselves. \$2.60 for the W. A. was the financial result reported.

The service on Easter morning was bright and hearty. The decorations were confined to a floral cross and extra flowers on the re-table, but these by reason of their very simplicity were the more beautiful. There were 28 communicants.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday at 2 o'clock, and was very slimly attended. The accounts showed a small deficit. Messrs. Arthur Docker and James Lyons were re-appointed wardens, and Mr. Robert Logan was elected delegate to the Synod for the ensuing three years.

The Literary Society's closing meeting was held at Mr. W. Patton's on the 23rd. A short though very good programme was rendered. The Secretary, Miss Emmie Docker, read a very complete and well written report for the past year.

The Society has held during 1899 and 1900 ten regular meetings including to-night. The average attendance has been very small owing I think to the very

bad roads, and the members being so scattered that it has been hard to let them know when and where the meetings are to be held, though our Vice-President has done his best in choosing as central a place as possible. I am glad to report we have ten new members on the roll. Our annual entertainment was the most successful we have ever had both socially and financially. The quilt which we undertook a year ago last autumn is very nearly completed and so far has fulfilled all our hopes in a financial way, and we hope when it is ready for inspection you will all come and see it. Mr. Francis, who kindly undertook to go on with the Church History again this year, has succeeded in making it most interesting to all, and the entertainment nights have been taken part in and enjoyed by all.

BAPTISM.

April 29th, Josephine Martha, daughter of Robert and Martha J. Crosby, born August 26th, 1899. Baptized at Christ church, Port Maitland.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The April W. A. monthly meeting was held at Mrs. J. Stephen's on the 5th. There was a very good attendance. Arrangements were made for a social at which the Dorcas work would be exhibited, at Mrs. F. Docker's, on May 9th. We were glad to see Miss Jessie Stephens out again after her severe illness.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday at 10 a.m. The warden's accounts showed a balance in hand of \$23.89 with only one or two trifling items of indebtedness. Messrs. S. H. W. Hornbrook and Hy. King sr., were appointed as wardens.

The following appeared in the Dunnville Gazette of May 18th :

On Wednesday evening, May 9th, a very enjoyable social was held at the residence of Francis Docker, Esq., Lake Shore, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ church, Port Maitland. After a goodly number were assembled Rev. A. W. H. Francis, in a short, but interesting talk, explained the object of the "tea" and introduced the programme. Recitations were given by Misses Ada Logan and M. Armour. S. W. H. Hornbrook favored the company with several patriotic songs. Mrs. Hornbrook also sang two numbers. Instrumental selections were played by Mr. and Miss Splatt, Mrs. Hornbrook, Mrs. Harvey Diette, Miss Helen Blott and Miss Byers. After luncheon and the National Anthem, good nights were said, and all, in departing, expressed themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment provided by the W. A. During the evening the guests of the society were shown the work of the ladies during the past winter. The ladies had tastefully arranged their work for the inspection of all. Many contributions of groceries were received to be added to the already large bale which is to go to Lesser Slave Lake. The Society realized nearly ten dollars at the door.

Ascension Day was observed by evening service in St. John's church—there were 35 present. It being the 24th of May the National Anthem was sang at the conclusion of the service.