

## THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE.

### EDITORIAL.

The clergy of the Deanery earnestly hope that the solemn services of Good Friday will be well attended and that the day will indeed be found "good" both in its associations and in its influence on the heart and life. They remind their parishioners that the offerings will be devoted to the spread of the knowledge of the Saviour among the Jews. They still more fervently urge their flocks to honor the great and blessed festival of Easter. Not only will the houses of God be made beautiful with natural and other tokens of joy, but the tables of the Lord will be prepared for the feast of Heavenly bounties. Why should not all who have confessed Christ in Confirmation remain and enjoy the sweet spiritual privilege? Turn not away from the holiest and best of the blessings of the day. Glorify Him who "died for our sins and rose again for our justification." The Spirit of holiness and the Bride, the Church of Christ, both say, Come.

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The next Deanery Meeting will D. V. be held at York on the evening of the 8th of May, Ascension Day, and on the 9th. Business of great importance as well as highly interesting studies will engage the attention of the Chapter. The rural dean hopes to see all his clerical brethren.

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The Bible puzzles seem to be well named. The editor has, however, received correct answers to II, VII, VIII, IX and X from Roy Peacock, of Walpole township, to whom marks of merit have been given. What are members of our Bible Classes doing? There is still time to send answers to the Jan. and Feb. puzzles. The clergy are offering prizes of \$1.00, 60 cents, and 40 cents to the three most successful competitors.

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The illustration given this month is a picture of St. John's Church, York. As may easily be seen, the building is both handsome and substantial. An historical sketch of the parish was to appear in this issue, but circumstances have prevented the arrival of the manuscript in time for insertion. Probably this will be an important feature of the April number.

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### JARVIS

The Incumbent has been preaching special sermons in three courses, the subjects being: The Soul's Progress, The Foundation of the Faith, and The Days of Creation.

The Sunday School has resumed the morning

hour for its session, and the Bible Class and the candidates for Confirmation have agreed to work together in their sacred studies. An effort is being made to collect sufficient money for the purchase of five Scripture maps, the collectors being scholars.

The remainder of the Synod Apportionment should at once be raised, the amount being \$42.14, and the objects being Diocesan Missions, Widows and Orphans, General Purposes, Aged and Disabled Clergymen, and Divinity Students. Envelopes will be sent out for this purpose. Receivers will greatly oblige the Incumbent by returning them with offerings at their earliest possible convenience.

7th March, 1902, being the thirteenth anniversary of the organization of the Church Guild, a meeting was held at Mrs. Hartwell's, commemorative of the same. The attendance was good, though many were absent on account of illness. The minutes of last meeting being read and approved, a resolution of condolence was passed expressing sorrow and deep sympathy for Mrs. Spencer in the loss of her mother, and the secretary was requested to forward a copy of the same to her. A letter was read from the president, Mrs. Bourne, who has been confined to the house by illness for several weeks, congratulating the Guild on the good work done in the past, wishing us God-speed in the future, and expressing a hope that with the new year upon which we are entering, fresh life and energy might be aroused and more zeal shown for the Master's work. Tea was served by Mrs. Hartwell, and a pleasant evening was spent. M. J. Maxwell, Sec. P. T.

### YORK.

The Rev. T. H. Cotton, B. A., Incumbent of Nanticoke, visited this parish on Sunday, Feb. 16th, and preached in St. John's, York, and St. Mark's, Seneca, to good congregations, leaving a favorable impression at both appointments. The collections for the Diocesan Missions nearly reached \$6. Our visitor seemed pleased with the hearty character of the singing and responding at both these services. The Rural Dean took charge of the Sunday duty at Nanticoke and Cheapside.

A very good number of parishioners attended church on Sunday, Feb. 9th, the occasion being the anniversary of the opening of St. John's Church, York, for public worship just 10 years ago. An exchange had been arranged between the rector and the Rev. P. L. Spencer, rector of St. Paul's church, Jarvis; but the blocked state of the roads on account of a violent snow storm, compelled a postponement of the exchange, and the Rev. C. Scudamore preached an appropriate discourse from the