

GENERAL.

The 26th annual session of the Synod of the diocese, which opened on Tuesday, June 11th, was remarkably short in duration, comprising only that day and the following. At the ordination which took place on the morning of the 11th, among those made Deacons were Mr. E. P. S. Spencer, M. A., eldest son of the incumbent of Jarvis and Hagersville, and Mr. Cottou, M. A., who succeeds Mr. J. D. Hull at Nanticoke. Every parish in the Deanery now has a resident clergyman.

The business of greatest importance transacted by the Synod was the passing of a new canon on the Aged and Disabled Clergy Fund, and the adoption of the Toronto scheme for the adjustment of difficulties between clergymen and their congregations. Henceforth a clergyman who has attained the age of 60 years may apply for a retiring allowance, and it is expected that as soon as the Century Fund has augmented the capital of the A. and D. C. Fund several clergymen of the diocese will retire from active service.

The committee on the State of the Church reported concerning the Deanery of Haldimand several changes from the statistics of last year, but on the whole fair progress has been made in the several parishes.

The death of Rev. J. Seaman, at one time in charge of Nanticoke and Cheapside, has removed from membership in the Synod a clergyman who was for many years a faithful and energetic worker in the Lord's vineyard. Retiring from active duty when almost 70 years of age, he enjoyed the brief period of two years of rest with his family in Hamilton, in which city at his home he entered into eternal rest on June 22nd. He was buried at Lowville, within his last parish.

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

The incumbent has sent to the Synod office \$10 for missions in Algoma and the North-west, \$8.22 for the Shingwank Home, and 50 cents for Rev. F. W. Kennedy's work in Japan. He has also forwarded to Col. McLaren of Hamilton \$3.20 for the Century Fund from the S. S. children, besides a second instalment of his own subscription, and to Rural Dean Smith of Hull he has transmitted \$3 for the new church in that unfortunate town.

Baptized—In St. Paul's church, on June the 7th, Hugh, Angus and William Wilford, children of John James and Margaret Wilson. Robert and Ernest, children of John Robert and Catharine Taylor. Clifford, Mary and William John, children of Frederick and Jane Hyde.

Married—On Wednesday, June 12th, Edna Edith Rogers of Jarvis to Lewis Buckley of Cheapside. If a bright day and the attendance of a host of friends may be taken as tokens of good, the married life of these young persons ought to be very happy and prosperous.

Buried—In St. Paul's church graveyard on Saturday, June the 15th, Alfred Pearson, aged 39, formerly a resident of this parish.

Several inquiries having been made respecting photographs of the churches of the parish, taken on the day of the Queen Victoria memorial service, the incumbent begs leave to state that the photographer in Jarvis is producing prints from the incumbent's negatives as rapidly as arrangements in his studio will allow.

All subscribers to the Deanery Magazine seem to be pleased with its contents. "I read every word," "I couldn't do without it," etc., are expressions that have fallen upon the writer's ear. Everyone should read the story that ended with the June number, and that has for title, "For Queen and Country." War, love, the failure of wrong, and the triumph of right, are very cleverly depicted.

The garden party held on the lawn at Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bourne's residence on the evening of June 25th was very successful, the receipts over expenses amounting to \$33.50.

The annual Jarvis S. S. picnic took place at Port Dover on Thursday, July 11th.

On Sunday, June 9th, Rev. P. L. Spence and his son Ernest exchanged places, the former celebrating Holy Communion at Port Robinson and Fonthill.

YORK.

The English Church garden party held at the residence of A. A. Bain, near York, on Monday, under the auspices of the ladies of St. John's church, was largely attended and a very enjoyable one spent. The proceeds were about \$70.

Confirmation services were held at St. John's church, York, on Sunday morning last, by Bishop Dumoulin, of Hamilton, and at St. Paul's church in this village in the evening. There were eleven candidates confirmed in the morning and six at night. Large congregations attended both services. The Bishop, who is one of the ablest speakers in Canada, delivered addresses at both services.

On Sunday afternoon last the small frame English Church, which has been built on the 3rd line, Seneca Township, was formally opened by the Rev. Mr. Bevan of Caledonia. The Church has been named St. Mark's. Long before the hour of service arrived the church was crowded, and when the service commenced there were nearly as many outside as inside. The Rev. gentleman took his text from St. John 12:32: "And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The lessons were read by Mr. H. Arrell, and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Scudamore, also took part in the service.

There was no architect for the building, the Rev. Mr. Scudamore and Mr. J. Robinson attending to all the details and designs of construction. The inside of the building is very pretty, the ceiling and sides being of wood, which has been stained. The outside of the building has not yet been painted. Messrs. Robinson, Ramsey and Morrison were the carpenters, and N. Mitchell did the painting. The pulpit and four seats were a present from Rev. A. W. H. Francis, M. A., Incumbent of South Cayuga and Port Maitland. The prayer desk and lecturn were made by F. W. Brown, of York, and the communion rails were turned and donated by M. Runchey, of York. A pair of alms plates were presented by Isaac Nelles. The large bible was donated by a friend near Smithville. The handsome covering of the Lord's Table was given by the Rector and church wardens of St. John's Church, Cayuga. All the new material was supplied by Messrs. Runchey, of York, and Lymburner of Cayuga. The church has been built through the efforts of Rev. Mr. Scudamore, who has been assisted by outside friends, and as there is still a small debt on the building, no doubt the people of the section in which it is built will soon wipe it out. A small bell is also needed.

PORT MAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

Mr. Robert Logan attended the annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese held in Hamilton on June 11th and 12th. Mr. Logan found the proceedings of the Synod interesting and hopes to go again next year.

The choir of Grace Church, Brantford, arrived at "The Elms" on Monday, July 8th, for their annual outing. The boys sang at the afternoon service at South Cayuga on the Sunday following. Rev. Mr. Bushell, who has charge of the camp, preached at both services on that day.

Holy Communion—Christ's Church, July 28th; St. John's, Aug. 4th.

Burial—At Christ's Church, Port Maitland, June 28th, David Logan, aged 72.