

## JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

On Feb. 14th, the Jarvis congregation met in Mr. Chamber's hall and enjoyed a parish tea and entertainment. On account of the extremely rough nature of the frozen roads not many of the country people were able to be present, but the villagers attended in strong force. No charge for admission was made, all members being invited and made welcome. Refreshments were sent to the hall early in the day and a committee of the members of the Guild and of the Association of Willing Workers arranged everything in connection with the setting of the tables, &c, in good time, so that the large company were able to take their places at the festive board by 6.30 p. m. After tea an informal programme of speeches, songs, recitations, &c, was carried out, the incumbent, churchwardens, and others participating. All present apparently enjoyed themselves, and many were the expressions of satisfaction felt. This experiment proved highly successful in bringing pastor and flock together in social intercourse, and allowed opportunity for general hand shaking and mutual greeting. As one result several new names have been added to the membership of the two societies previously mentioned, the monthly fee of 10 cents helping to reduce the church debt.

On the 18th the incumbent exchanged places with Rev. Arthur Francis for the purpose of preaching the annual missionary sermons in South Cayuga, Port Maitland and Dunnville, according to the Deanery plan. He found interested and earnest congregations, and in response to his appeal received liberal offerings for the Diocesan Mission Fund.

Owing to the death of the late Dr. J. G. Elmore, of Springvale, having taken place on the 16th and the earnest desire of his children and grandchildren that he should be buried on Sunday the 18th, Rev. Arthur Francis held only one service in Hagersville and one in Jarvis, going to Springvale in the afternoon and there conducting the funeral. Dr. Elmore was a remarkable man, having attained the great age of 91 years and 2 months, and having enjoyed excellent health for a long time previous to his last comparatively short sickness. He was one of the pioneers of this part of Ontario. Even Toronto was a very small place when he first saw it. He continued a member of the Anglican church, notwithstanding the fact that services of another communion have long been held in his immediately vicinity. A few days previous to his entering into rest he received from Rev. P. L. Spencer the tokens of the Lord's dying love, and expressed a hope of the life everlasting.

On Tuesday, the 27th, Mr. William David Lindsay and Miss Christina Kelly were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The service was performed by Rev. P. L. Spencer in St. Paul's church, Jarvis.

"Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life."

On Ash Wednesday, the 28th, service was held in both churches; but the stormy nature of the weather necessarily made the attendance small.

## THE FRUITS OF WAR.

My brethren! it is true, perhaps, that we are passing through the greatest crisis of this century; it is true, perhaps, that the fate of the Empire is trembling in the balance. Perhaps we needed the crisis. Most certainly we shall be the better for it. Most certainly it is true that there are many homes desolate, and many lives blighted.

There are fresh gaps around the hearth,  
Old places left unfilled;  
And young lives quenched before the old,  
And the love of old hearts chilled,  
Dear voices and dear faces missed,  
Sweet households overthrown;  
And what is left more sad to see  
Than the sight of what is gone.

We have learned, perhaps, that honor comes before peace, and responsibility must be attended to before prosperity. We have learned, it may be, that war has its blessings, as well as its curses, and that the growth of patriotism, which overthrows selfishness, and the seriousness which casts aside frivolity, are blessings born out of the gloom and sadness of a great public anxiety. While, above all, if we have learned to pray, we have learned thus to find God. He thus becomes our glory, He our fear. With Him we can go forward to greater and ever greater progress. When our soldiers lay dying of cold and privation, during the cruel winter of the Sebastopol campaign, the Czar Nicholas I. said, in his bitterness, "January and February are my best generals." So our enemies now would find their greatest help in a nation, godless, indifferent, unpatriotic and frivolous. But let the great heart of the Empire be roused as it is now; let it feel its sense of mission, its determination to uphold justice and truth; let it be true to God and religion, love good and hate evil; then, whatever else may happen, whatever of affliction may still be in store for us at the good hand of God, we shall go forward in the confident cry, "God defend the right." We shall be able to say, with triumphant thankfulness, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

