

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

On Sunday, May 6th, offerings were given in both churches for the relief of the sufferers by the terrible fire at Ottawa and Hull. The congregation of St. Paul's contributed \$10.60, and that of All Saints' \$4.46.

On Thursday, the 24th, the double character of the "Festival" was properly marked. The day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Paul's at 8 a.m., there being present 15 communicants. At this service \$1.35 was given towards the completion of the apportionment for the year 1899-1900. At 10 30 a. m., service was held in All Saints', the congregation numbering 23. The incumbent after explaining the great importance of the Ascension of our Lord spoke of the long and happy reign of the Queen. He stated that the three queens, Elizabeth, Anne, and Victoria, had by their goodness of heart and life exercised a remarkably beneficial influence upon the members of the court, and that the latter had set a good example to humbler subjects. Thus the whole nation had under the blessing of the Almighty wonderfully prospered. Both Church and State had reaped a benefit from the uprightness of the Sovereign. During these three reigns literature, science and religion had each advanced in a remarkable degree. There might be applied to these periods of English history the words of King Solomon—"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."

At the evening service in St. Paul's 29 persons were present. The morning offertory collection was increased to \$2.00. The sermon was similar to that preached in Hagersville.

The response to the Bishop's Ascensiontide appeal for missions in Algoma and the Northwest was \$9.60, of which Jarvis gave \$4.20 and Hagersville \$5.40. For so good a cause the offerings should have been much more liberal. Each special collection should bear a fair relation to the whole sum of the apportionment, which is \$50.00 for each congregation. This sum does not include what is needed for Foreign Missions or for the Aged and Disabled Clergy Fund.

As the readers of these local items are interested in the general welfare of the parish, the incumbent gives the following information gleaned from his statistical report to the Bishop of the diocese for the year ended March 31:

	JARVIS	HAGERSVILLE
Number of families.....	55	57
Number of souls.....	240	232
Baptisms.....	4	2
Whole No. at any time confirmed..	121	122
Communicants.....	100	70
Largest attendance at H. C.	53	35
Average att. at Sunday services..	123	71
Marriages.....	3	3
Burials.....	3	4
Visits to sick and well.....	124	138
Raised for parish purposes exclud-		

ing minister's stipend	\$ 965.00	\$ 302.00
Minister's stipend.....	400.00	400.00
Value of church.....	6000.00	4000.00
Church insurance.....	3100.00	2500.00
Debts.....	900.00	105.00

The illustrated lectures on South Africa and the War given by Rev. P. L. Spencer excited considerable interest. The views are certainly very fine, and they enable one to form an accurate notion concerning the natural features of that part of the empire as well as the size and importance of the cities and towns. The scenes connected with the war, while causing one to feel extremely sad on account of the destruction of life and property, create the highest admiration for the noble conduct of the empire's soldiers, sailors, and volunteers. Let us hope that "when this cruel war is over" commercial industry and missionary activity will soon restore friendship and happiness among the various colors and languages of that Southern clime.

On the 15th of the month Mr. Spencer after attending a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the diocese in Hamilton, went to York in order to be present at the spring meeting of the clergy of the Deanery of Haldimand. A service was held that evening in the church, at which he spoke on "The Bible in the School" following Rev. E. H. Molony on "The Bible in the Home." On the evening of the next day he addressed a large audience in the Town Hall, Cayuga, on "South Africa in Peace and in War," and gave numerous illustrations. He has decided to let the proceeds of lectures on this subject go to the support of the Trinity College Mission in Japan.

On the 30th of May there took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Lindsay, lot 13, concession 11, township of Walpole, the marriage of Mr. George Arthur Howard, of Springvale, and Miss Sarah Fidelia Jane Harris, of Hagersville. Mr. John Howard and Miss Stella Harris acted as chosen witnesses. The weather was delightfully fine, although the early morning had been cloudy. May this prevailing characteristic of brightness be typical of the married life of the two young persons! May the sunshine of happiness and prosperity far exceed the gloom of adversity!

It may not be too late to draw attention to the remarkable fact that only once before during the reign of Queen Victoria, has her birthday coincided with Ascension Day. That was in the year 1838.

BAPTISM.

On May 27th, Sadie Constance, infant daughter of Edgar H. and Margaret May Keffer, in All Saints' church, Hagersville.

BURIAL.

On May 19th, in Springvaie cemetery, James Ingham, who died at the great age of 86 years, 6 months.

During the month Rev. Arthur Francis, M.A., presented to St. Paul's church a set of beautifully wrought communion linen in commemoration of the following facts: Mr Francis was born on the day on which was