
Greeting.

THE clergy of the Rural Deanery of Ha'dimaud take pleasure in introducing to their parishioners a monthly magazine of church literature and parochial news. The inside or main portion of the periodical is printed in England, and under the title of **THE CHURCH MONTHLY** is known as one of the best magazines that issue from church press in the world's gigantic metropolis, London the old. The contents of the covers are printed within the Deanery. They are intended to give a brief but correct summary of the doings of clergy and people during each month preceding publication, as well as announce meetings, services, and engagements for the month next following. If preserved for future years, this record will become an important and highly valuable chronicle, and will serve the purpose of a thoroughly reliable parish history. The events in the life of each congregation will be known to the children of those who participated in them. The clergy sincerely hope that their parishioners will be prompt in showing due appreciation of this undertaking, as the price of the magazine is only 35 cents a year, payable in advance. They would draw the attention of their people to the clearness of type, the high standard of literary merit, the excellence of the illustrations, and the regular contribution of high-class sacred music, which are the features of **THE CHURCH MONTHLY**. They firmly believe that **THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE** will, if carefully perused, effect much good in church families and advance the Kingdom of Christ the Lord.

CAYUGA.

Not anticipating a day to be appointed by authority, and to be observed by the Anglican church throughout the Dominion as a day of Intercession connected with the present unhappy war in South Africa, the 21st of January was specially observed by the Incumbent and congregation of St. John's church for the purpose. Special Psalms, lessons and supplications were used, and the hymns selected were the three "Church Hymns" to be used in time of war, the whole service being preceded by the singing of the hymn "Brief life is here our portion, &c." The Incumbent took as the subject of his sermon "War, considered from the standpoint of the Christian Religion, with special reference to the present war in South Africa." The general day of Intercession was subsequently duly observed, when the Incumbent took for his text "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"

No 960 of the Boston "Parish Choir" just issued contains a tuneful and easy setting of the "Te Deum," adapted for use by any ordinary choir, by the Rev. J. Francis. A specimen copy will be sent to any clergyman in the Deanery on receipt of a cent stamp for postage. They can be supplied at the rate of fifty cents per dozen copies. This is the seventh of Mr. Francis' compositions that have appeared from time to time in the "Parish Choir," among them being three anthems, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" "These are they that came out of great tribulation," and "I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem."

PORT MAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Christ church January monthly meeting was held on the 4th at Mrs. John Bradford's. In spite of the cold the attendance was very good. The letter from Mrs. Crisp, city representative, giving an account of the Nov. meeting of the Diocesan Board was read, and other items of business were attended to. The Incumbent distributed among the members present copies of the annual report of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with the request that they see that "the man of the house" read it carefully. The sewing meeting at Mrs. Breman's on Thursday, 18th, being for the special purpose of "quilting" the material prepared for two quilts drew a larger number than usual. The work was accomplished in less time than was anticipated. The members "stayed to tea," had a good talk, and no doubt enjoyed themselves as well as the work.

The St. John's branch seems to have had "adverse circumstances" to contend with the past two months. Sewing meetings were held on the 3rd and 17th at the Elms. Owing to the intense cold the monthly meeting at Mrs. Crawford's on the 31st was not largely attended. The letter from Mrs. Crisp above referred to was read; and arrangements were made for the annual meeting on the 15th.

Mr. Henry Bate, Vice-President, presided at the meeting of the Literary Society at Mr. Kohler's on the 8th. A good program was rendered, and several new members joined the society. At the meeting on the 22nd at Mr. W. Bate's the subject of the Church History "Talk" was the reign of King John.

JARVIS AND HAGERSVILLE.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 11th, was duly observed as the day appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury for special prayer with reference to the war. Through the thoughtful generosity of L. LePan, Esq., of Jarvis, a new hymn was printed for the occasion and used at the services in both churches. The incumbent preached from the text, "Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," and among other remarks spoke of the important lessons, military, national and spiritual, that the war has taught.