

THE CHURCH MONTHLY

Jarvis and Hagersville.

ON Sunday, August the 19th, Rev. P. L. Spencer began his second year's ministry in the parish. In his sermons preached that day he referred to the circumstance, and made some interesting statements. He remarked upon the comparatively small amount of sickness that had existed within the parish, and expressed the hope that the people would try to realize how merciful and kind their Father in heaven had been to them. Although there had occurred some removals by death, the number was less than the extent of the parish and the size of the flock had on his arrival as a new pastor led him to expect. He was pleased to be able to report an increase in both the attendance and the offerings at Hagersville, besides an improvement in revenue in Jarvis from a congregation that well maintains its interest in the services. He exhorted the Hagersville people to make provision for the erection of a Sunday School building, and urged the Jarvis congregation to put forth all possible energy to extinguish the debt on St. Paul's church within the new year. He earnestly hoped that as many families as possible would adopt the weekly envelope system for contributing to the maintenance of the services, thus showing their belief in the solemnity of giving to God's cause, besides enabling the churchwardens to conduct the finances of the parish easily and satisfactorily.

During the past year Mr. Spencer has been extremely busy, having paid more than four hundred visits to the sick and well, besides attending meetings of Synod, Standing Committee, and Ruri-Decanal Chapter, and speaking or lecturing on several important subjects in the neighboring parishes and the school houses of the townships. He has tried to be as useful and helpful as possible. How far he has succeeded only He who is cognizant of all actions, motives, and influences knoweth. His bodily health as well as that of every member of his family has been excellent. For this he is thankful to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift." He desires to express his appreciation of the unvarying kindness and cordiality shown him and his family by the parishioners, and he hopes that nothing will occur to lessen their confidence or lower their esteem. With the exception of the double journey required on alternate Sundays he thoroughly likes the work of the parish. He wishes to give equal attention to the two congregations. He is now daily endeavoring to move those eligible for Confirmation to prepare themselves for the humble reception of the spiritual benefit. He is deeply con-

cerned about the young who have not yet been baptized, and he begs all who have influence with the parents of such to assist him in bringing these infants into the fold of Christ's Church by means of the divinely-appointed ordinance.

"What sparkles in that lucid flood
Is water, by gross mortals eyed;
But seen by faith, 'tis blood
Out of a dear Friend's side.

A few calm words of faith and prayer,
A few bright drops of holy dew,
Shall work a wonder there
Earth's charmer's never knew.

O happy arms, where cradled lies,
And ready for the Lord's embrace,
That precious sacrifice,
The darling of His grace."

BAPTISM.

On Sunday, August 12th, in St. Paul's church, Jarvis, Ada Belle, infant daughter of William Edward and Luella Morrow; sponsors, Thomas and Ada Morrow, grandparents.

BURIAL.

On August 8th, in St. Paul's graveyard, Elizabeth Ionson, widow, aged 78 years and 10 months.

The full amount sent to Miss Caroline Macklem for the India Famine sufferers was \$13.50, Jarvis having given \$7.00 and Hagersville \$6.50. In a letter acknowledging the receipt of the money, Miss Macklem expresses her warm thanks for the practical sympathy which the parish has manifested and states that at the request of the Bishop of Lucknow she purposes sending the contribution along with other gifts to one of the Anglican missionaries laboring among the Bhils in Central India, the distress among whom is terrible. The Bhils are a hill tribe. They are supposed to be descended from the aborigines, or first inhabitants of India, who were driven into mountain fastnesses by the invading Hindoos. They are of dark complexion and of diminutive stature, but active and capable of enduring under ordinary circumstances severe fatigue. This appalling famine, however, has completely broken their health, strength and spirit; and many of them have succumbed to their sufferings. Our contribution may save a few from a like fate.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place