

## THE CHURCH MONTHLY.

### General.

The clergy of the deanery, as well as the members of their congregations, are respectfully reminded that the second Sunday in September by appointment of the Synod has been fixed as the day for special offerings for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. All sums given are credited to the apportionment of the parish.

The Provincial Synod and the Board of Missions will meet in Montreal on the second Wednesday in September.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee of the diocese will be on the third Tuesday in Oct.

### Jarvis and Hagersville.

The annual picnic of St. Paul's Sunday School took place at Port Dover on July 11th, the majority of adults and children going thither by carriage and wagon. The rain of the previous night had made the roads somewhat muddy, but the warmth of the bright sunshine soon corrected that disadvantage, and the day proved to be very pleasant. The expense incurred for hiring horses and vehicles was \$3.65, which sum was furnished from the proceeds of the lawn social held on June 25th.

On July 4th Mr. and Mrs. Spencer attended the Norfolk County Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary at Port Dover, and remained for service in the church in the evening. The attendance at the convention was remarkably large for such a gathering, and much enthusiasm was manifested by the delegates from the various parish auxiliaries.

On July 24th, Rev. P. L. Spencer and Mr. Dawson Aiken visited Detroit, Mich., for the purpose of being present at the convention of members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The convention was international, there being many delegates from Canada, as well as from the various States of the Republic. Although nearly every transaction was important and interesting, the most impressive was certainly the corporate or general communion in St. John's church on Woodward Ave. To be a partaker of the Holy Eucharist along with 600 or more fellowmen drawn together from the four corners of a continent is an experience that seldom comes to an ordinary churchman, whether clergyman or layman. The service was truly uplifting. Mr. Spencer's earnest hope is to revive the Chapter of St. Paul's church and to be instrumental in forming a Chapter in Hagersville. The work of the Brotherhood—that of extending the kingdom of God among man—is perhaps more than anything else that which is needful at the present time for the prosperity of the cause of true religion.

On July 19th, the incumbent received from the Imperial Government through the Militia Department at Ottawa a Fenian Raid medal bearing on the rim the inscription, "Private P. L. Spencer, Millbrook Infantry Company." This qualifies the receiver to rank as a recognized veteran. Thirty-five years have passed since the events of that memorable time. To the volunteer soldier of Christ the reward, though much farther in the future, will be infinitely greater.

All Saints' S. S. excursion to Port Dover took place on Hagersville's civic holiday, Aug. 8th. The

weather proved favorable, and as the special train engaged did not leave Port Dover for the return journey until 10 p. m. the day was long enough for the most ardent lovers of the lake. In truth it was too long for young children. Next year an earlier hour should be agreed upon.

Vestry meetings were held during August for the purpose of making arrangements for the partition of the parish and the release of the present incumbent from the charge of the Hagersville congregation. At the meeting of All Saints' vestry the church wardens stated that the sum of \$600 per annum could be offered to a clergyman assuming charge of the northern half of the present parish, and making Hagersville his place of permanent residence. The Jarvis vestry agreed to endeavor to increase the stipend of the present incumbent by \$120, thus making his income from the congregation \$520. This sum the incumbent agreed to accept, since, although it was below the standard fixed by the Synod, his allowance of \$400 from the Commutation Fund would enable him to be content. Mr. Spencer expressed the hope that the change would be effected at the end of September. He also pointed out the great advantages that each congregation would enjoy in having two services every Sunday, besides more frequent pastoral visits. The Sunday Schools of the parish would also receive much more attention than at present.

### BAPTISMS.

In St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 25th, there was witnessed the interesting ceremony of the baptism of six adults, five of whom were members of one family. Their names are Elizabeth, Edward, Nettie Florence, Lizzie Mabel and Ena Eaid, and Lily Priestland. The first named is the mother of the following four.

In the same church on August 30th the following five children of Thomas and Ada Harris were baptized: Lela Beatrice, Vera Pauline, William Jasper, Gladys Miller and George Elliott.

"O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend."

### BURIALS.

Four committals to the ground in christian cemeteries make a remarkably sad record for one month in a parish that has had for a long period only a dozen burials per year. Seven men within five months have gone to their "long home," while neither woman nor maiden has during the same time been summoned to eternity. August's record is as follows: William N. Boyd, aged 38; Frederick Louis D'Orr LePan, aged 24; Thomas Eaid, aged 55, and William Thompson, aged 64. All but the last named were interred in St. Paul's church cemetery, the fourth being buried in the Hagersville graveyard. The true sympathy and sorrow of many persons were shown on each occasion, and the surviving relatives and friends may take comfort from this circumstance, as well as find consolation in the teachings of our holy faith.

"Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
'Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul."

While it is hard to suffer such a loss as those bereaved are enduring, their lot is but the lot of