

THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE.

EDITORIAL.

The clergy of the deanery feel pleasure in sending out the first number of volume three of the Deanery Magazine. For the sake of variety and economy a change has been made in the English portion of the periodical, the title of that part for the present year being THE CHURCH MAGAZINE. This publication presents several extremely instructive and attractive features. The local or parochial matter will be printed in Jarvis, and will be edited by the incumbent of that parish. The clergy earnestly hope that the total number of copies of the Deanery Magazine issued viz 250, will be promptly subscribed for, as only by having the whole issue kept in circulation can the revenue be made to equal the expenditure. A new and important feature of the cover will be a photo picture of one of the churches of the deanery or diocese printed each month on the first page. The editor draws attention to the Bible and Prayer Book questions, or puzzles, to be found within the magazine; and he promises to publish on the cover the names of persons, young or old, who send him correct answers. Thus in the February number will appear the names of readers who send in the proper answers to the January puzzles. The answers may be written on a post card, which should be addressed to Rev P. L. Spencer, Jarvis. Perhaps at the end of the year some special recognition of the most successful student will be made. Choirs will find the hymn tunes worthy of attention and practice. On the whole the magazine will be found highly serviceable in the family and in the parish.

This month the church which is honored by pictorial representation is that at Port Maitland.

There is sent out with each copy of the January number a marked envelope. If you have already paid your clergyman your subscription for 1902, keep the envelope. If you owe the price of subscription, be good enough to return to him the envelope and the sum of 35 cents enclosed. The envelope and enclosure may be placed on the offertory plate. Kindly act AT ONCE, thus preventing much inconvenience. Do not forget to give your name. The magazine will pay its way, if all who receive it will attend to this little matter.

It is to be regretted that the January number is unavoidably late, but subsequent numbers will be in season.

JARVIS

The news items for December are not numerous. The collection for the Divinity Students' fund amounted to \$2.60. Christmas

was, as usual, joyfully celebrated, the church decorations and the special music being attractive and appropriate. Sickness and other adverse circumstances prevented some parishioners from being present. The communicants numbered 40. Much kindness was shown to the incumbent and his family, in accordance with time-honored custom.

The S. S. festival, held on Dec. 27th, was very enjoyable, the Christmas tree proving a source of agreeable surprise to both parents and young people. The crowning act of benevolence was the presentation of a complete dinner and tea service to Mrs. Spencer in recognition of her able performance of the duties of church organist.

The incumbent has concluded a course of six illustrated lectures on the religious history of Britain. Considerable interest was manifested, and probably some good was done.

HAGERSVILLE.

On Tuesday, December 10th, Mrs. Houston of Niagara Falls, the organizing Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary in the diocese, paid us a visit. A meeting of the ladies was held at the residence of David Almas, Esq.; and after a very interesting and instructive address on the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and the missionary work of the church a branch of the W. A. was formed with the following officers:— President, Mrs. Graham; Vice-President, Mrs. Hammill; Secretary, Mrs. Kaiser; Delegate to annual meeting, Mrs. W. J. Lee. Weekly meetings will be held for work at the various homes of the members.

The Parish Guild has since its inception at the end of November last been very successful in its efforts to strengthen the financial condition of the parish. Already through its instrumentality about \$28.00 has been handed to the church wardens and \$15.00 laid aside as the commencement of a Sunday School House building fund.

Thursday evening, December 26th, was a happy one for the children of the Sunday School. On that date the annual Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Opera House at 8 o'clock; the Hall was comfortably filled and the audience were treated to a very good programme of carols, drills, songs, recitations, and dialogues, after which "Santa Claus" assisted by "his wife" distributed the gifts and candies to the children. In every way the event was a great success, the credit of which is due mainly to Miss Seymour, Mrs. Cline, and Miss Holder, who with several others instructed and trained the children who took part in the programme.

The Xmas services passed off very happily. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a m.