

## THE CHURCH MONTHLY

### Jarvis and Hagersville.

An entertainment in connection with each Sunday School will (D. V.) be held during Christmas week, that at Jarvis taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, and that at Hagersville being held on Thursday, the 27th. The programme arrangements have not been completed but it is expected there will be carols, dialogues, and drills by the scholars. It is also expected that a tea will be provided for the children, and that the occasion will be made as pleasant as possible for them. This will be in the early part of the evening, so that the entertainment, which is for old as well as young, may begin at the usual hour.

Mr. Spencer's lantern talks concluded with a visit to British Columbia. At Hagersville the receipts, when added to the sum of \$7.25 handed to him by Mrs. Jones last year, are sufficient to purchase the brass book desk, desired by the incumbent, for the holy table of All Saints' church. In Jarvis the offerings go toward paying for new music books for the choir. During the Advent season work-day services with sermons have been held, and on the Sundays special sermons on the four last things have been preached.

In November the incumbent and his family enjoyed a visit from Rev. J. Francis, B. D., of Cay-

uga, who did excellent and arduous work in this parish thirty years ago. He desires to retire from the work in Cayuga and commit it to a younger officer in Christ's army. The beautiful church of St. John in that village testifies to his zeal, skill and excellent taste.

The Divinity Students' Fund has received in Jarvis \$1.00, and in Hagersville \$1.40.

The visit of Rev. Henry Softley to the parish for the purpose of introducing the literature of the S. P. C. K. was attended by great success, almost a hundred books having been purchased by the parishioners. Much good must follow the thoughtful reading of the volumes.

#### MARRIAGE.

On Nov. 28th, Esther Theresa Best, to John Burton Hurst, of the township of Walpole.

#### BAPTISM.

On Nov. 28th, Lettie May, infant daughter of Herbert and Lydia Jane Crow, of Essex county.

#### BURIAL.

On Dec. 7th, in the public cemetery, town of Simcoe, Robert Nixon, aged 80 years. The deceased bore a painful sickness with great fortitude and humble resignation, and "departed in the true faith of God's holy name."

### Dunnville.

A regular meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Haldimand was held in this parish on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4th and 5th. The clergy present were Rev. Rural Dean Scudamore, Rev. Thos. Motherwell, Rev. Wm. Bevan, Rev. Arthur Francis, Rev. P. L. Spencer. On the evening of the 4th a service was held in the church, the attendance of members of the congregation being good. Rev P. L. Spencer spoke on the subject of Christ's second coming, and in the course of his address referred to the various opinions held with respect to the millennium, or reign of a thousand years. He stated that the view that presented to his mind fewest difficulties was that the martyrs and those worthy to be associated with them are enjoying with Christ

in paradise special felicity until the second Advent. Rev. Wm. Bevan followed on the subject of the Church's preparation for Christ's coming, and dwelt upon the importance and necessity of each of its members being earnestly devoted to Christ as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." The service was conducted according to the form of intercessory prayer for missions, and the offerings were devoted to the Divinity Students' Fund.

On Wednesday morning Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, all the clergy and several of the parishioners being present. The offerings were devoted to the Deanery Fund.

Business began at the residence of the incumbent at 10 a. m., the chief matters that engaged attention