

will be keen competition between Jarvis and the parish of South Cayuga and Port Maitland in the matter of the largest circulation.

The Aged and Disabled Clergy Fund collection was a little over \$3.00.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, YORK.

This year arrangements were made for Thanksgiving services to coincide as nearly as possible with the General Thanksgiving as appointed by the Gov.-Gen'l. By kindness of the Rev. John Francis, B. D., supplying services at St. Luke's church, Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, the rector of St. Luke's was able to visit York Parish for that Sunday. Although the weather changed for the worse on Saturday evening, 23rd ult., yet the attendance was very encouraging, and the music, lessons and Psalms were appropriate to the character of the Thanksgiving season. The Rev. E. N. R. Burns, B. A., preached excellent sermons in impressive and convincing manner, much to the edification of all who heard them. The uncongenial character of the day developed more decidedly towards evening, culminating in a wet and dark night. Notwithstanding this, our visitor readily accompanied the Rural Dean and his wife to St. Mark's about four miles from York, where they found the smallest congregation that has met there since the opening of this pretty little church in June last.

Collections have been made at both churches for the Apportionment Fund and the A. & D. C. Fund, besides that of the Divinity Students' Fund. The returns have been moderately good.

A change has been made in the heating arrangements of St. John's, by which a greater amount of warmth is obtained with less trouble and expense, and now we rejoice in comfort during divine service, let the weather be propitious or not. The S. S. hall here used for Sunday school and general entertainments and meetings has also been thoroughly overhauled by carpenters and made neat and comfortable, much to the satisfaction of the rector, superintendent, teachers and Sunday school children. Thanks are due to A. A. Davis, Esq., and the young men of York and vicinity, who compose the athletic club. Also in this acknowledgment the York orchestra deserves a share of praise and thanks.

Mrs. Scudamore, Mrs. S. W. Nelles and Miss Werth are extremely busy in training our scholars and their young friends for the Xmas S. S. entertainment. This year very satisfactory progress has been made in the drills, marches and singing, preparatory to making a cantata "Santa Claus and his Elves," the chief feature of interest at the children's entertainment this Xmas. A most excellent spirit of emulation is evident and augurs well for the result on the evening of Dec. 25th. At this gathering, as usual, the many pretty Xmas presents and prizes are distributed to the children, delighting the recipients and also their parents.

ST. MARK'S, SENECA.

The sudden turn of weather on Sunday, November 24th., from most charming fall, concedable with perfect roads, to darkness, rain and sticky clay, accounted for the eclipse of our Thanksgiving service. Otherwise the attendance has been for better than was anticipated, and the faithful help rendered by the residents, especially Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. T. Moore, Mr. J. Kerr, Mr. Rae and Mr. Wm. Cummings, has been most encouraging to the incumbent.

PORT MAITLAND & SOUTH CAYUGA.

W. A. meetings at Mrs. S. Bowden's on Nov. 27 and Mrs. J. Bradford's on Dec. 5 were well attended.

At the Literary Society's meeting on the 18th at A. T. Bate's, Mr. Francis gave a review of English Church History up to the time of Henry VIII, in so far as it bore upon the Reformation—this because the Reformation period will be the subject of the next few talks. A fairly good program was given at the meeting at Mr. Duffy's on the 2nd. Next meeting at Mr. J. Lyons', Monday, 16th.

At the request of some of the members of the congregation the incumbent called a meeting at Mr. Hornibrook's on Thursday evening, 5th, to organize a Young People's Association in connection with Christ Church. The meeting was well attended, about 35 being present. The interest displayed seems to indicate a felt want and to give promise of success. A provisional committee of four persons—Misses Hornibrook and M. Taylor, Messrs. W. R. Docker and Roy Dickhout—was appointed to confer with the rector and draft a constitution, form of initiation, etc., to be submitted at a meeting at Mr. Henry King's on Thursday evening, 12th. This committee will act as a committee of management until the first election of officers of the fully organized Society takes place in January.

A balance of \$1.39, still remains on the cost of the service books given by the Sunday School Scholars at Christ Church from the proceeds of their "Talent Money" in the summer of 1900. Would any of those who did not then contribute like to give a small sum now to make up this balance, that the books may be entirely the gift of the Sunday School.

NOTICES

Holy Communion at Christ Church on Sunday next, 15th.

On Christmas Day this year there will be a service held (D. V.) in both churches instead of only in one as heretofore—at St. John's, 11 a. m. and Christ Church 3 p. m. An opportunity will thus be given to all of attending service on this important festival.

Christ Church Xmas Træe, Dec. 26: St. John's, Dec. 30, at Mr. W. Patton's.

The incumbent has begun a weekly work day evening service in the Marshall Schoolhouse. About 55 attended the first of these on Friday evening, 6th. They will be continued on Wednesday, 11th and 18th, Monday 23rd, and Wednesday, Jan. 1st, at 7.30 o'clock.