

## THE HALDIMAND DEANERY MAGAZINE.

The churchwardens' report at the Easter Vestry meeting was very satisfactory and encouraging.

The election of the church officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen:—Rector's Warden, D. J. Almas, Esq.; People's Warden, J. C. Ingles, Esq.; Lay Delegates, H. A. Howard, D. J. Lindsay, David Almas; Vestry Clerk, John Cline, Esq.

The Bazaar and Conversazione held under the auspices of the woman's auxiliary on Tuesday, April 1st, was in every way a pronounced success. As a result the sum of \$70.00 was handed to the church wardens to reduce an outstanding account against the parish.

### CAYUGA.

THE WORK OF OUR PARISH IS QUIETLY PROGRESSING.

In anticipation of the great Easter Festival, Lenten services have been held weekly in St. John's Church; daily services being held during the Holy week and both morning and evening services on Good-Friday. On Easter day the services were bright and joyous, the Communion service being held at 8.30 and 11 o'clock in the morning, to enable all the members of the church to communicate, of whom there was a large number. The attendance at the afternoon service for the Sunday School, and at the evening service was somewhat diminished by the down-pour of rain. The sanctuary had been tastefully decorated with cut flowers, and the musical part of the service, although not so elaborate as usual owing to the inability of the choir master to practice, was indeed very bright, particularly the voluntaries and the hearty singing of the familiar Easter hymns by the congregation. Miss Martin, Mus. Bac., of Havergal College, Toronto, with usual kindness very greatly assisted the choir, and sang during the offertory at the evening service with much expression the classic sacred song "Face to Face" (Johnson). Messrs. Clive Barnes and Jarrett also kindly assisted the choir. The Rector preached and officiated at all the services. The offertory for Easter-day amounted to over one hundred and fifty dollars, which enable the church wardens to declare a surplus in the accounts presented at the Easter meeting, adjourned Monday evening, April 7th. A full report of the Easter Vestry meeting will appear in the May No. of the magazine.

The W. A. held their annual meeting recently and re-elected the officers of the past year: President, Mrs. Martin; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Sheppard; Sec-Treasurers, Miss Davis, and Mrs. Gibson; District Visitors; Collectors, Mrs. Hanna, Miss H. Davis, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Perkins; Delegates, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Parsons. The W. A. are doing both parish and

missionary work and in both departments are displaying considerable activity. The financial report of the W. A. will appear with the other reports of the vestry meeting. A very successful fiscal year has just closed, over \$1000. having been raised in various ways, and the different departments of church work beginning the year with a balance on hand.

### NANTICOKE.

The Lenten Services which have been held every Friday evening during Lent have been very well attended especially by the young people. The subject of study was the Penitential Psalms. The attendance at the service on Good Friday was small, considering the occasion. The collection for the Promotion of Christianity amongst the Jews was \$1.40. An offering for this purpose was also made by the S. S. children amounting to \$1.85.

For several years there has been a small debt on this congregation amounting to about \$100 more or less. A circular letter was issued by the wardens on March 17, calling upon the people for a special effort to make up the required amount by Easter Sunday. The response to the call was unanimous and hearty, \$94.25 being raised between subscription and Easter offertory. This enables the wardens to close the year with the above debt all paid and to leave a small surplus on hand of \$6 50.

The annual Vestry meeting held on Easter Monday was well attended and quite successful, Rev T. H. Cotton occupied the chair; and a satisfactory financial statement was read by the Secretary Treasurer, Mr A. R. Low. The committee on parsonage repairs was re-appointed; and a committee of the following members Messrs. Frank Porritt, David Ward, Wm. Snowden, and R. J. Jackson was appointed to raise the guarantee, which has been neglected for some years. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Minister's warden, Mr. A. R. Low; People's warden, Mr. R. J. Jackson; Sec'y-Treas., Mr. S. A. Thompson; Sidesmen, Messrs. J. T. Hallam and R. J. Evans; Ushers, Messrs Wm. Wicker, Leslie Jackson, W. H. Evans and James Vokes; Auditors, Messrs. M. Wederick and Wm. Snowden; Delegate to Synod, Mr. M. Wederick.

On account of the badness of the roads the attendance was small at the Vestry meeting at Cheapside. A satisfactory report was read by Mr. Geo. Martin showing that receipts for the year had exceeded the expenditure by some \$36.00. The following officers were elected:—Minister's warden, Mr. Wm Wood; People's warden, Mr. Geo. Martin; Delegate to Synod, Mr. Rob't Jepson.

The Rev. C. Walter MacWilliams, a former

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