

to be \$779.00, made up as follows, Mission Board \$400.00, Waubaushene \$200.00, Coldwater \$120.00, Matchedash \$50.00. Out of this modest sum I had to pay house rent and keep a horse.

On the following Sunday the Rev. J. Jones, then Incumbent of St. George's, Medonte, took the service and administered Communion to twelve people.

In the July issue of the Parish Magazine there appeared the following:— "The Rev. Joseph Sheppard has now taken charge of the Mission, commencing work on the 5th inst. By the time our August issue comes from the press we expect to report favorably of his reception, and the kindness and help he has received from the several congregations. The Reverend gentleman's good lady and child, a daughter of about seven years of age, are also here and have settled down in the residence lately occupied by Mr. Lazonby and formerly occupied by Rev. C. H. Shutt. Any person desirous of seeing Mr. Sheppard at any time will find him at his residence on Gray Street, two blocks from St. Matthias' Church."

My first baptism was a private one in the home of Mr. George Rawson, a little baby named Edgar Victor, who died a day or two afterwards.

My first funeral was on August 12th, Rachel Maud Cooper, a three months old child of Charles and Sarah Cooper of Fessertan.

On August 23rd, 1891, Margaret, daughter of Robert and Amy Ferguson was baptized in the Church, this was my first public baptism. On the 5th of August, 1913, I had the pleasure of marrying this young lady to George Biggs.

On October 7th, 1891, I performed my first marriage ceremony, the contracting parties being W. R. Harvie of Orillia, and Louisa Victoria Gill, the youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gill, then the loveable churchwarden of St. John's, Matchedash, and long since gone to his rest.

In September I was compelled to take full charge of the Parish Magazine and assume all responsibility for the money to pay the printer for its publication. So the following appears in the September Number.

SALUTATORY

To the parishioners of Coldwater, Waubaushene, Matchedash and Cross's:—With this number of our little paper I assume its management as announced in the August number. Before beginning my first article to you, I must thank Messrs. Lazonby and Murphy, who have borne all the trouble and work of its management since my arrival amongst you and for some time before, and will continue to assist me in the good work. First, then, I ask for your hearty support and co-operation in all work for the furtherance of God's Kingdom here upon earth. Let us put to one side, as unbecoming Christians, petty jealousies, if such exist in our respective neighborhoods. Stand up for your Church when occasion calls for it, and be ready to give an answer as to the reason of your being a Churchman.

In all your prayers remember me your pastor, ask that I may be guided and directed by Him who does all things wisely and well. Do not be too ready to find fault, remember that I, like you, am human, and therefore liable to err. I have many to please, and in doing my duty may unintentionally wound some one else's feelings. If sickness exists in your family let me know it at once. You do not wait for the doctor to find it out for himself; you at once send for him. Do the same with me. Before you make any arrangements as to the hour of a funeral consult me, so that your arrangements may not clash with any already made by me. Never arrange to have it on Sunday, if it can be avoided at all, as that must necessarily interfere with my Sunday appointments. Attend service regularly and when there take part in the responses. These at Coldwater, Waubaushene and Cross's are very feeble and half-hearted, a very poor way to serve God. You have a duty to perform, why not do it? At Matchedash I thoroughly enjoy the service. Why? The people respond as if they meant what they were saying. I ask then as a special favor, and one that will make a hard day's work very much less tiresome and burdensome, that you respond heartily and loudly.