

Standing Committee.

On Tuesday, March 19th, the spring meeting of this committee was held in the Synod office, Hamilton. Deanery was represented by Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rev. Wm. Bevan, and Mr. C. E. Bourne. The Sub-committee on Missions recommended a grant of \$200 to be made to Port Robinson and Fonthill, these two places having been separated from Thorold and Welland respectively and made into a new parish. The recommendation was adopted on the understanding that the grant be for one year. The Apportionment Committee proposed the adoption of 50 cents per family and six per cent of the clerical stipend as the basis of the proportion to be paid by each congregation. The matter was referred to the Deanery Chapters for adoption or amendment. Rev. S. E. Skey reported \$10,000 as the amount thus far promised in Hamilton as subscriptions to the Diocesan Century Fund, the canvass of the city being by no means complete. The Synod books were ordered to be kept open until April the 15th for receiving monies from parishes and the clergy. The meeting of Synod was appointed by the Bishop to take place on Tuesday, June 11th. All Deanery Chapters were requested to meet on May 1st.

Easter of this year which falls on April 7th, comes neither very early nor very late, but at a convenient time for church wardens to have their accounts in a satisfactory condition. There should be no need of an adjourned meeting of any vestry, unless some special business is to be transacted. The accounts should be audited in time for the regular meeting on Easter Monday.

The Easter services should be attended by every man, woman and child who is enjoying health and strength. The festival is one of the greatest days of the Christian year.

Oh! day by day! shall hearts set free,
No "minstrel rapture" find for thee?
Thou art the sun of other days,
They shine by giving back thy rays.

The key note of the services is Alleluia. Praise and thanksgiving are the predominant elements. We should heartily rejoice for the sake of Him who gained the victory, for the sake of the Church that is founded on that victory, and for the sake of ourselves who share the victory. Every person qualified to enjoy the benefit of the "sacred feast which Jesus makes," should lovingly and gladly "draw near" to it, "with a sure heart in fulness of faith" and show a right appreciation of the Victor's work and of His own precious privilege. Christ says: "Come unto Me." "Do this for My memorial." The church orders that "every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." The minister of God will say, "Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort." The writer earnestly hopes that in every parish of the Deanery the faithful will flock to the holy spot

some at one hour, some at another. The soul of each recipient will be refreshed, the heart of each spiritual pastor will be gladdened, the angels will rejoice, the Redeemed will "be satisfied."



Jarvis and Hagersville.

The Lenten services have been fairly well attended. Doubtless sickness and unpropitious weather have interfered somewhat with full success.

The self-denial savings of both adults and children should be presented in the church on Easter day. The S. S. offerings will, as heretofore, be devoted to the Indian Homes at Sault Ste. Marie. The offerings of adults in Jarvis will go into the Building Fund. Offerings of a similar kind at Hagersville will be added to the general fund.

A lady of the congregation at Hagersville has very generously resolved to donate to All Saints' church a brass alms dish. The order has been placed with a firm in Toronto, and the article is expected to be ready for use on Easter day.

A few S. S. children are collecting 10 cent contributions for St. James' new church, Hull, in response to an earnest appeal from Rural Dean Smith the rector. The old church was completely destroyed in the terrible conflagration of last year.

BURIAL.

On Monday, March 25th, in St. Paul's church cemetery, John Brock, of Garnet, aged exactly 33 years.

The deceased had been prevented by personal injury, received at the age of 10, from going up to the house of the Lord. Let us hope that he now enjoys full compensation for this deprivation. He was born into the spiritual or unseen world on the 33rd anniversary of his birth into the natural world.

The Apportionment is still awaiting the contributions of a few persons. Kindly give at once. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The cause is good, and it should not be allowed to suffer. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Rev. F. M. Kennedy, who has been laboring for several years in Japan as one of our Canadian Church missionaries and is now on furlough has kindly consented to visit Jarvis on April 22nd, and Hagersville on the following day, and give an account of his work in the empire of the Mikado. The offerings will be for the Canadian Mission.

The next Deanery meeting will take place at Jarvis on May 1st and 2nd. Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie of Brantford has consented to be the preacher on the first evening. [SEE LAST PAGE]