

of the country and the position in which we have been placed, he attributed in a measure, the loss of trade and the general stagnation of trade throughout the country, to the great act of robbery against God in the sanction of the Irish Church.

EAST AND WEST.—Amid all the pleasant talk and reunion among Protestants, it is interesting to note the civilities which are passing between the Roman Curia and the Patriarch of Constantinople on the occasion of the latter's resignation. Cardinal Jacobini has actually addressed a letter to the Apostolic Legate at Constantinople, instructing him to convey to the Patriarch the thanks of the Holy See for the good manifested by him towards the Catholic Church and the Papacy. So that even the Eastern and Western Churches are at last exchanging courtesies.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg.—On Monday evening, December 20th, the Rev. R. C. Caswall was presented with a handsome testimonial by the officers and members of the Church of England Temperance Society in Lunenburg, on the occasion of his leaving Lunenburg for another sphere of duty in the city of Toronto, together with an address, the testimonial being an elegant silver holder in morocco case. The address referred to the kind feeling of esteem entertained for him for organising the Society in the Parish, and for his energy and zeal in attendance at the meetings and his Christian advice upon all occasions, as also for his noble example of total abstinence.

NEWPORT.—On Christmas Eve, Mr. W. H. Joy, Lay Reader of this Parish, was made the happy recipient of \$5 in cash presented by the congregation of St. Ann's Church as a token of their appreciation of his services in that part of the parish.

ALBION MINES AND NEW GLASGOW.—Christmas Day was extremely wet and windy, but our congregations were far from bad. The services were at 9.45 at New Glasgow, 11.15 and 7 at Christ Church. The music in the former was usual, excellent. The decorations, which were confined to the Church, were simple but appropriate. In the Parish Church our choir, considering the absence of some of its best voices through illness, etc., did well. The Church never looked so well. The recent alterations enabled the beauty of the decorations to be fully appreciated. To Mr. Rutherford we are greatly indebted for the large amount of skill and labor he and his family (with Miss Johnston and Miss Carritt) spent during the week, especially we would name all the letter-cases which we enumerate below. The chief feature, however, is the reredos of three panels, the middle with I. H. S., X. R. and central chrysanthar surmounted by a cross of crystal; then shields on the eastern hangings and the gaily banners which hung above them, the faded hangings which lined the sides of the chancel and the stall ends nicely trimmed with evergreens. The effect of the whole was really beautiful, the designs and proportions being thoroughly artistic. Mr. Rutherford's daughter, Mrs. Cliff Kinnear, presented two kneeling-stools of her own work for officiating clergy. These with the hangings are permanent additions to our furniture. A goodly band worked each evening at the decorating for the nave which was rich in scenery. Along the gallery ran the sentence "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Over the choir seats the words are "Praise Him in His Sanctuary" and "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord;" on the

reredos, "Good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, etc." These blended with the permanent inscriptions, "Holy, Holy, Holy, etc." and "Thou art the Christ the Son, etc." produced an effect which no one can look upon and not admire.

ANTIGONISH.—The season of "Glory to God in the Highest, on Earth Peace, Goodwill towards Men" has been again welcomed among us and observed in the usual holy and festive manner. The decorations in St. Paul's are extremely tasteful and neat. Appropriate texts, emblems and banners evince what time and labor has not been spared in this work of love. Since last Christmas the interior of this church has been much improved by the addition of a handsome altar cloth, pulpit cushion and drape window curtain, carpeting, blinds and lamps, etc. A few weeks ago a "Parlor Musicale" was held at the residence of Mr. M. Grey, Chapel Warden, which sociably and financially was a great success, the sum of \$45 was netted and has been appropriated to the exterior of the church which has also undergone thorough repair, being shingled and painted, and we understand a cross has been ordered for the steeple. The congregation now being satisfied with the appearance and comfort of their neat sanctuary will labor in behalf of a mission house, the dire need of which is forcibly impressed by the inconveniences to which their esteemed pastor, Rev. B. F. Brine, and family have been subject to since coming among them 4 years ago. When we take into consideration that in this mission the congregation numbers forty-four adults, very justly may they be gratified that their exertions have been crowned with so much success. For parochial purposes the past year \$1,000.74 has been expended. "Well done good and faithful servants." The annual Christmas tree was held at the residence of Mrs. R. Henry, and as usual its boughs bore the weight of generosity, and the little ones, after partaking of a sumptuous tea, joined in praises to Him from whom all good things do come, and then wended their homeward steps with satisfied hearts and laden arms.

CARD OF THANKS.—Miss Fannie Brine, Antigonish, desires through the GUARDIAN to proffer very sincere thanks to the generous contributors towards contents of envelope presented from the Christmas S. S. Tree in behalf of honorary services as organist of St. Paul's, proving thereby the receiving is passive pleasure, and giving, active joy.

PROTON.—*St. James' Church.*—The decorations for the sacred season of Christmas in this pretty church are superior to any thing yet attempted since its erection. Spruce festooning is tastefully hung from the different angles in the chancel and from the pillars in the body of the Church. Around the rear of the chancel runs the text "Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ" in red letters on a light ground. Two white banners with the words "Alpha" and "Omega" in red letters are suspended from the apex of the chancel windows with a crimson banner with I. H. S. in gold letters hanging from the apex of the centre window. Large banners with appropriate mottoes deck the walls of the chancel. The text "King of Kings, Lord of Lords" is tastefully arranged over the communion table on drab scrolls with dark letters and gold border. The choir stalls and organ are trimmed with evergreens. Around the body of the Church runs the motto "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New Born King," on crimson scrolls in white letters, and vice versa alternately; the background of each scroll being formed of a large spruce star. On the east end of the church are large banners with the texts "Unto Us a Child is Born" and "Unto us a Son is Given," a chaste white, silk banner with I. H. S. in gold hangs from the pulpit-rest. The large and graceful pillars throughout the church are tastefully trimmed

with spruce festooning, and the whole effect is very pretty.

The attendance on Christmas Day was very large although there was a continual down-pour of rain during the day. The Rector, Rev. John Edgcombe, preached a beautiful sermon from Matthew 1, 21: "And she shall bring forth a Son and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." The singing was of a very high order, the accompaniment of the new organ greatly enhancing the beautiful services.

HALIFAX.—In the death of the late Thompson Woodill St. George's losses an old friend, and the poor of Halifax a generous benefactor. No man in business in Halifax was more respected, and no Churchman was more loyal to his Master and the Church's services. To the friends left behind we extend our sympathy.

Christmas in Town.—The stormy weather of Christmas Day naturally interfered seriously with the attendance of worshippers at the Churches, which were beautifully decorated. *The Bishop's Chapel* was decorated with spruce, bannerettes, &c. Among the texts used were the following: "Lord of Lords" and "King of Kings," "This is none other than the house of God," "The Lamb of God," "One Lord one Faith, one Baptism," and "The Prince of Peace."

St. George's.—Here the decorations were confined to the chancel, and consisted of beautiful texts of spruce lined with crimson cloth on the rood screen erected at the entrance of the chancel. The panels of the reredos being filled with crimson devices and texts: "Jesus," "Saviour," "Messiah," "Daystar," while over the east wall were hung two banners in white and crimson satin with monogram in gold.

St. Mark's.—The reredos was divided into three oblong panels, the centre of each panel being oval-shaped. In the centre one there was a large latin cross of wood, bearing the sacred monogram I. H. S., the centre of the cross being painted white and frosted. The side ovals bore the letters Chi, Rho, and the Alpha and Omega. Above the reredos, on a white ground, and underneath the chancel arch (hung with wreaths of hemlock) were texts suitable to the season.

St. Luke's.—On the reredos were two handsome pictures of angels, on silk, hand-painted, and around the chancel four handsome white silk Eucharistic banners. In front of the choir stalls an open chancel screen had been erected, the frame work covered with spruce, over the top of which in gilt letters on a red background: "Hark; the Herald Angels sing Glory to the new born King." At the base of the windows and running completely around the body of the building was the Christmas announcement. From the gallery were suspended a number of handsome banners, containing in different colors Biblical devices, &c.

St. Paul's.—The Christmas trimmings here this year were on a more elaborate scale than for some years past. The text "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," in prettily designed crimson letters on a white ground, runs round the gallery, and the pillars of the Church were also wreathed and hung with designs. The reading desk bore on the centre panel of white satin a crimson monogram, edged with gold, and spruce designs picked out with satin everlasting from South Africa, and the text "Emmanuel God with us," also done in everlasting. The chancel pillars were all wreathed with heavy spruce wreathing, the panels being of white with spruce designs. The centre panel of the reredos bore a large I. H. S. in crimson with gold edging, and spruce designs picked out with everlasting. The word "Alleluia" runs along the top also in crimson and gilt, the two side