

tions were made, but the principal one appeared to be that it might be possible and advisable to appoint the new Bishop as Rector, seeing that St. Luke's was the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, a suggestion which it is to be hoped will be overruled for the good of the Church at large in Nova Scotia. As Dr. Edgell noted in his letter, the Church of Nova Scotia is peculiarly a Missionary Church. The outside parishes are languishing for the perpetual appearance of the chief in the districts. A Bishop's work here is not parochial but diocesan, and anything that tends to make the work in any way parochial injures the whole Diocese at the expense of one parish. A Rector must necessarily assume rectorial responsibility, and this with such an extensive parish as St. Luke's will certainly detach from the general work of the Diocese. No parish or mission of the Diocese should be without a yearly visitation from the Bishop. The push and conflict of the times demand it. Let St. Luke's supply, if it will, a Coadjutor Bishop and thus give the Diocese more help, which it sorely needs. The earnest prayer of the Church outside Halifax (by far the great majority) is that the parishes may be annually visited and new life stirred up outside Halifax.

SPRINGHILL.—The Church here had a narrow escape from fire last Sunday. Soon after early celebration the flooring near the furnace ignited. Damage about \$50, covered by insurance.

Rev. Mr. Murray, of St. Luke's, lectured here last Monday on the introduction of Christianity into early Britain. Notwithstanding a very disagreeable evening a large assemblage listened to the brilliant lecture and were edified. At the close the Church of England Temperance Society presented the reverend gentleman with a valuable thermometer set upon an ancient brass battle-axe. Springhill hopes that richest blessings and prosperings will attend the reverend gentleman to his new sphere of work.

WINDSOR.—A meeting of the Avon Deanery was held at Windsor, on Dec. 12th and 13th. On the evening of the 12th Divine service was held in the Parish Church. Shortened Evening song by Rev. J. Harrison; Lesson by Rev. J. O. Ruggles. Addresses by the Revs. the Dean, J. O. Ruggles, H. C. Hind, J. Harrison, H. A. Harley and Captain Howeroft of the Church Army.

On the morning of the 13th service was again held in the Church and an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. J. Harrison from Eph. vi., li. Holy Communion was celebrated; the Dean being celebrant. The brethren were hospitably entertained at dinner by the Dean and family. In the afternoon the business meeting of the Chapter was held at the Rectory, the Dean in the chair. Regret was expressed at the absence of the Secretary, Rev. W. J. Ancient, who was to have preached the Deanery sermon, but was, it was presumed, prevented reaching Windsor on account of the dreadful state of the roads. On motion a vote of thanks was given to Rev. J. Harrison for his able sermon. On motion of Rev. J. O. Ruggles, seconded by Rev. K. C. Hind the following resolution was passed: "We, the members of the Avon Deanery, noticing the ill effects arising from there being but one priest among the professors of King's College, hereby humbly suggest to the Board of Governors that in filling any vacancy which may arise in the Faculty, the importance of the appointment of another priest be seriously considered."

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kentville about Easter, the exact date being left to the Dean. The Dean appointed Rev. K. C. Hind to preach the sermon.

The thanks of the clergy are hereby tendered to those who so kindly entertained them during their stay in Windsor.

PERSONAL.—Bishop Jones, of Newfoundland. Mrs. Jones and four children and two servants passed through Halifax last week, and have gone to Bermuda where they will remain until April next.

The Rev. Dr. Hole, rector of St. Paul's, has been called upon to mourn the loss of another daughter—the second within a brief space of time. The family will have the sincere sympathy of all.

The Rev. John Ambrose has been lecturing before the Mechanics' Institute, St. John, upon the Fishery question. The papers speak well of his effort.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—*Ordination.*—Messrs. A. W. Teed, M.A.; Horace Dibblee, B.A.; and A. B. Murray, B.A., were, on the 18th, admitted to the order of the Diaconate by the Metropolitan at the Cathedral. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. Roy Campbell, rector of Dorchester. Mr. Dibblee will be placed in charge of Mangerville, and Mr. Murray will be curate of Woodstock.

BATHURST.—The deepest gloom has been cast over our town by the terrible railroad accident, by which eight poor men were instantly killed. Among the dead is numbered one of our choir men, Frank Miller. Returning home, in order that he might be in his place on Sunday, he was suddenly called to the higher worship of the great choir in Paradise. Though better fit to go hence, apparently, than many of his age, we are ill-prepared to do without him.

A volunteer in his work, willing, patient, regular, loving and kind to his priest, he leaves a gap not easily filled among the Church's faithful children here. May God grant him rest and light in Paradise! On the Sunday preceding his funeral, special services were held, and hymns used, his surplice and cassock lying in his place in the choir until they went on Monday to be put upon him for burial. On Tuesday he was laid to rest. There was a solemn requiem celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30, at which some of the family and many friends were present.

At three o'clock the body was met at the Church gate by the choir and priest, and as the last sentence of the chant died away at the porch, the choir began and passed into Church singing, "Let Saints on earth in Concert sing." The office of the dead followed, and the procession reformed, the choir taking up the *Nunc Dimittis*, as they moved down the aisle, and "As now the Sun's declining rays," at the door. At the grave the choristers formed a line on either side—the cross-bearer standing at the foot, holding the sacred symbol over the grave throughout the service. After the body had been lowered, "Through the night of doubt and Sorrow" was sung. Few will ever forget the intense solemnity of the scene, the touching words of the hymn, and the bright cross shining in the sun's last rays, contrasting with the howling of winds, and shroud-like gloom of the snow, and telling of hope and faith which look beyond the storms and the sorrows of earth.

We are deeply thankful that our dear lad was brought home with hardly a mark upon him, and that he was spared the terrible mutilation some of his fellow victims received.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LEVIS.—The pretty little Church of the Holy Trinity, Levis, P.Q., has lately undergone considerable repair internally, with a very pleasing result. Chip blinds have been provided for each of the windows, thus effecting a much needed improvement; a very handsome stained glass window has been placed in the East End of the Church, which adds greatly to its attractiveness, and the walls have received a very liberal coating of paint. The whole of the

funds expended, which amounted to nearly a hundred dollars, were collected in the city of Quebec by Miss Green, a member of the Levis congregation and a most zealous worker.

The congregation owes a debt of gratitude both to those who so generously contributed towards the above mentioned improvements in the Church, and also to her who so kindly undertook the work of collecting the amount expended. We are glad to observe that the parish of Holy Trinity is in a flourishing condition, and that good, honest, earnest work is being accomplished by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Thompson.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SHAWVILLE.—A very successful eight days Mission in St. Paul's Church, Shawville, conducted by the Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of Montreal, concluded on the 15th inst. All the services were well attended. The interest kept increasing to the end; at the last service there was hardly standing-room for the Missioner. The addresses were most searching and practical, and the principles of the Church were thoroughly enforced. The mission has had the effect of increasing the number of communicants, and several applications for confirmation have been received. It is also intended to form a Parish Society for various departments of Church work.

MONTREAL.—*The Cathedral.*—The resignation of the Reverend Canon Norman, as Canon Assistant of this Church, has been formally announced, as also his acceptance of the Rectory of Quebec. His withdrawal from the Diocese of Montreal will be felt as a severe loss to the Church in all its departments. As a man of scholarly attainments, as an attractive and pleasing preacher, and an indefatigable worker, he has had few equals. He will also be greatly missed in other circles; as for instance, Educational, Musical, and Art; in all of which he has taken a prominent and leading place. The date of his departure from amongst us has not yet been fixed.

DIOCESAN S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of this Association took place in the Synod Hall on the 19th Dec. inst., at which there was a large attendance of teachers and friends, and also a fair representation of the clergy of the city; though several were conspicuous by their absence. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese read a paper on the Second Advent, and was followed by Miss Evans with an admirable paper on Infant class teaching. Miss Evan's long connection with St. George's Church Sunday-school, and the experience there acquired, in connection specially with its large Infant class, rendered her suggestions practical, and of weight. In another part of this number will be found a portion of this excellent paper, and it is hoped the same will be completed in the next number. The annual meeting of the Association was announced for the 20th day of January next, in St. George's School-room at eight o'clock.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario has appointed the Rev. A. F. Coleman, incumbent of North Augusta, to the new parish of Cataraqui and Odessa.

ODESSA.—A memorial service was held in this village on Sunday, the 18th inst., for the late Mr. Alexander Shaw, of Erneston,—who died very suddenly on the 8th. There was a very large congregation, every available seat being occupied. Appropriate hymns and psalms were used. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. T. Burns, of Kingston. Mr. Shaw was one whose place among the farming community will not be easily filled.