

with they themselves are comforted of God—to men who, like the rest of us, are compassed with infirmities; but who have been taught for our sake to know and feel that Christ's strength is made perfect in weakness.

The day is brief, the work is manifold, but His grace is sufficient. Obedience to His solemn call will bring the increase of His might, the fullness of His blessing. Every Bishop who, thoroughly in earnest himself, lifts into earnestness those over whom he is set; every priest who gives his people their privileges, and uses those privileges for his own spiritual furtherance; every Churchman who lovingly works in that faith which overcometh the world—each of these helps forward the consummation of the rest and joy of the Israel of God. The Church, awakened, clothed, and diligent, is safe in Christ. She need not suffer from fightings without, or from fears within. "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the Glory in the midst of her."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The mail brings good tidings of the Lord Bishop, and of the great benefit he is receiving from the needed rest and change. The only regret is that the Bishop will not be out in time to receive the New Year's hearty congratulations in person from those who have formerly had the pleasure to tender them to him on that day. We know we sincerely speak the sentiment of all in the Diocese when we send across the Atlantic to his Lordship a Christmas greeting, asking God's blessing on his work during the coming year, and wishing him and his family a safe return.

HALIFAX—Personal.—The Rev. W. L. Curry, of Eastern Passage, who last week suffered a severe loss by fire, losing all his furniture, books and manuscripts, has resigned his parish in Nova Scotia, and accepted a call to the church at Richibucto, in New Brunswick Diocese. Mr. Curry will be greatly missed from his old Diocese, and is another instance of the apparent inability of Nova Scotia in these days to retain her native ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge, as one of the Divinity lecturers, has been delivering a course of lectures at King's College on Christian Apologetics during the past week.

Rev. H. J. Winterbourne has returned from his vacation, much improved in health.

St. Luke's.—The monthly magazine for December is full of accounts of the good work that is going on in the parish. We are sorry to see that the Rector is realizing what the troubles of an editor are. His receipts appear to have been \$82.50, and disbursements \$143.93. The Rector naturally says if the magazine has to be continued another year, it can only be done by every member of the congregation taking an interest in its support and extension.

ALBION MINES.—The Rector has issued an Advent letter, and at the conclusion asks attention to the needs of the different parts of the parish, and to the Week of Intercession for Missions ordered by the Metropolitan and Ecclesiastical Commissary.

On St. Andrew's Day, after Morning Prayer, the women of the congregation met and formed a Mite Society, and determined to hold a sewing circle during the winter; the proceeds of both to go towards renewing the nave of Christ Church.

The B. H. M. Having consented to part of the Curate's grant being paid to a Lay Reader during the next summer, we hope to have Sunday services at the Vale and at Westville, and a morning service on Sunday in St. George's—a boon the congregations there cannot have while Mr. Moore is single-handed.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MEETING OF THE SHEDIAC DEANERY.—The meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery was held at Moncton on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. The clergy present were the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell; the Rev. Arthur Hoadley, Rector of Moncton; the Rev. F. W. Vroom, Rector-elect of Shediac; the Rev. A. J. Cresswell, Missionary of Albert County; the Rev. Alfred J. Reid, Curate of St. George's, Moncton. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Dean at 11 o'clock, and the clergy afterwards retired to the house of George Taylor, Esq., Churchwarden.

PETITCODIAC.—The members of the various congregations of this parish met at the rooms of Mr. B. W. Roger Tayler, the Lay assistant of the Rector (the Rev. Cathbert Willis), and presented him with a magnificent black Astrakan fur coat, together with the following address, which was read by O. E. Flewelling, Esq., senior Churchwarden:—

To Mr. B. W. Roger Tayler,
St. Andrew's Church, Petitcodiac:

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, take the privilege and great pleasure of presenting you with this very necessary and useful article, which we trust will prove a source of comfort and joy to you during the coming winter. We recognize the fact that your arduous duties compel you to be out in the most severe weather, and, in taking this opportunity of expressing their friendship towards you, your many friends and acquaintances sincerely hope that you will long be spared to continue in the glorious work you are now engaged in, and, with this "coat-of-mail" as a protection, defy the coldest blasts of Jack Frost, laughing at him as you glide over the beautiful snow, carrying to your numerous congregation the blessed words of truth and wisdom.

That your future life may be one of untroubled happiness and usefulness is the prayer of your sincere friends,

WALTER WELSH,
Secretary of Committee,
O. E. FLEWELLING,
And others.

Mr. Roger Tayler replied briefly but feelingly, taking no credit for the work he has done, but ascribing it all to the great glory of God. He thanked the congregation for their evident appreciation of him, and trusted that God would spare him to continue the work among them.

The Rector of the parish made a graceful and telling speech, thanking the people for their great kindness to his assistant, and hoping that he would continue to work among them many, many years.

The senior Churchwarden also testified to the great esteem in which Mr. Roger Tayler was held by the parishioners, and their hearty and thorough appreciation of his work and its methods.

The Rector of the parish has offered the gentleman, who is from King's College, Windsor, the title of curate of the parish, and he expects to receive ordination at the ensuing ordination in the Cathedral at Fredericton.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. George's.—The usual meeting of the Young Men's Association was held on Thursday evening last. Special Advent services are being held every Friday at 4 p.m.

Trinity.—The following course of lectures will be given in the lecture hall of Trinity Church during the winter, under the auspices of the Church Association, which promise to be of great interest. On Dec. 14th: "Incidents of Travel in Spain," the Rev. Canon Ellegood; on January 12th: "Nature's Fairy Land," by the Very Rev. the Dean; on the 2nd of February, the Rev. J. S. Stone; on the 2nd March, "Wakefield and his Times," by the Rev. Canon Mills. The proceeds are to be applied in the aid of the Interest fund.

St. Stephen's.—The usual weekly meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday evening; there was a large attendance. A well selected programme consisting of readings, recitations, music, (vocal and instrumental), was rendered to the satisfaction and enjoyment of all.

St. James' the Apostle.—Rumors of rather an exciting character have been in circulation for a week past regarding this Church. It is said, and we believe that it is a fact, that those who have been discontented with the course of affairs at the Cathedral have taken pews or sittings at St. James, and have been joined by others from St. George's, who, whilst retaining their interest and pews in the latter, have also secured pews (in some instances two or more being taken by one person) in the former, until, it is believed, the new comers have now a controlling vote in the vestry. It is further rumored that it is intended to change the whole order of things at St. James, and to make the service a strictly Low Church one; Canon Ellegood resigning and a new Rector being chosen. This intention is denied by some of the new comers; but it does seem strange that pewholders of other churches should be so eager to obtain sittings and pews in St. James also, if there be no ulterior object in view. We sincerely hope that the rumours are untrue. There has been quite enough of quarrelling for the credit of the Church; but if, of set purpose, the history and record of a parish, and the wishes of the parishioners in attendance on this Church are to be overridden and reversed, and that, too, for party ends, it simply means that the old party feuds, so happily absent for years, is to be revived, and that not merely parochially, but also throughout the diocese. It is sincerely to be hoped that if any such intention, as is above referred to, exists, it may be abandoned.

LACHINE.—The ladies of the Guild have re-organized for the winter months, and are now holding their regular weekly meetings.

Efforts are being made to erect a school-house in connection with St. Stephen's Church. It is expected that stones for the foundation will be drawn during the winter, and the entire building completed before next fall.

The bridge works and wire factory (both extensive establishments) are swelling the congregation of St. Stephen's to its full seating capacity.

A handsome outfit of purple hangings for the Holy Table, appropriate to the season of Advent, have been presented to St. Stephen's Church by Mr. J. R. Harper, who has in other regards, also, shown his liberality towards the Church here.

The first Sunday in Advent signalized the inauguration of children's services here. The little ones quite fulfilled the expectations of those who have for some time kindly undertaken to train them, and the result was that a bright and cheerful service, with plenty of music (including the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*—the latter forming the recessional) was held at half-past three in the afternoon, occupying about half an hour. The Rector read a short story from one of Bishop Walshaw How's "Series for Children."

At the evening service on the first Sunday of Advent, eight confirmed members of the Swedish Lutheran Church were received by the Rec-