

Jordan, formerly chaplain to H. M. S. forces at Gibraltar and Malta, and just lately retired from pastoral work.

That his labors were appreciated by his people may be readily gathered from the fact of the large place he still holds in their affections. He has left a monument to his memory in the parish Church of St. Peter's, which was built through his persevering energy. Few churches in the diocese surpass it in architectural beauty. On Christmas day adorned with wreaths of spruce and pine, and decorated with texts appropriate for the season, it looked especially beautiful.

Much artistic taste was displayed on the part of those who trimmed the nave and chancel.

St. James Church, at Lower Dublin, was also tastefully trimmed by willing hands.

Though Christmas Day was stormy yet a large congregation gathered in St. Peter's in the evening. Christmas hymns and carols were effectively sung by the choir, assisted by the Sunday-school children, the blending of whose young and sweet voices produced a pleasing effect.

The ladies of St. James' congregation during the last two months were busily engaged with preparations for a tea and bazaar, which, when held (though the weather was unfavorable) was as successful as their most sanguine hopes led them to anticipate. The sum of \$91, clear of expenses, was realised. The church people of Lower Dublin are very much attached to the Church of their fathers.

YARMOUTH.—Holy Trinity.—The Bishop of the Diocese visited this parish December 7th and administered the Rite of Confirmation to twenty-two persons. The night proved stormy, but only one of the candidates was prevented from coming.

The services Christmas Day were well attended, and the Christmas music came to us with its ever increasing beauty. The decorations this year are pronounced by all to be the most chaste for years. Certainly the loving work of willing hands repays all who united to beautify God's House and emphasize the great truth of Christmas tide, "Unto you is born . . . a Saviour which is the Lord." The attendance at Holy Communion was quite large, ninety-four being present. The sermon was in the words of St. Luke ii, 14.

A very solemn service was held on the last night of the old year, and was very well attended. As the moments of 1886 drew to a close, the hymns "Days and moments" was sung by the congregation kneeling; and then all engaged in silent prayer. The Rector gave a short address on Heb. xiii, 8, exhorting all to make it their motto for the new year.

MAITLAND.—Our little Church was beautifully decorated this year at Christmas tide. The chancel arch in particular (the work of Mr. Thomas Dickie) being a model of graceful and tasteful workmanship.

The decorations were under the immediate superintendance of Mr. John Dillon, who was ably assisted by Messrs. Dickie and S. Murphy with the young men and women of the congregation.

The Rector, Rev. G. R. Martell, was presented, at the New Year, with a very valuable fur coat, the loving gift of the younger members of his congregation.

A concert was given by the young people of the Church, assisted by several kind friends who were not church people and the proceeds together with money collected for the purpose were presented to the Rector in the shape of the above mentioned gift.

These proofs of goodwill warm the heart and body of the Missionary. His long drive of 26 miles, and often 30 miles with three services is very trying, warm clothing being very neces-

sary. His fur coat and buffalo robe, a gift from the congregation two years ago, will keep him warm and comfortable on his long, cold journeys.

ALBION MINES.—On the evening of the 14th instant a committee composed of Mrs. Poole, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. H. Hadden, of Christ Church, waited upon their Rector, the D. C. Moore, in the vestry of the church, and presented him with a deposit receipt for \$63, accompanied with expressions of the regards and respect of his people, and as a testimonial of his untiring work in the parish. Mr. Moore replied briefly with heartfelt thanks for this testimony of their appreciation of the services that it is his privilege to render his people, in the work of the Master. Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Hadden were active workers in this praiseworthy service. We congratulate Mr. Moore upon this happy state of matters in his parish. It is a well-merited testimonial, as Mr. Moore is in all matters of the church and citizenship a most active and enthusiastic worker, never missing at his post and always ready to help every commendable institution.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—Three out of the four Sunday-schools in the parish of St. Luke had their annual presentation of prizes last week in this church. The Rector, Rev. F. R. Murray, after a few words of hope, encouragement and congratulation to teachers and scholars, presented the medals, prizes and certificates to the fortunate winners. Miss Susan Wier, as the teacher never absent, was the joyful recipient of that most valuable work, which every churchman ought to read, "Reasons for being a Churchman," by the Rev. W. Little, of Portland, Me. The choir boys who had earned prizes during the year, were presented with their tokens of merit. The schools represented were St. Luke's (junior and senior) and St. Alban's (Tower Road). A very long list of fortunate recipients was then read and valuable prizes distributed. After the prizes had been presented, all retired to the junior school room, where cake, apples and oranges were distributed.

Quickly following, on another evening, a grand treat and magic lantern was given to the other mission of this parish, St. Augustines. Through the kindness and hospitality of Mrs. Abbot the whole affair was a great success.

LONDONDERRY.—The people here, notwithstanding the depression and loss of wages and people from the parish have decided not to allow Rev. Mr. Parkinson to leave them every week for duty in Amherst. A subscription list showing great self-denial has been secured and the reverend gentleman from the 1st February will devote all his energies to the work at Londonderry. Mr. Parkinson's work here has been greatly blessed. The number of baptisms this year more than doubles that of last year, and notwithstanding the removal of so many people from Londonderry, the Church is always full.

SPRING HILL.—The CHURCH GUARDIAN is anxiously looked for every week by your subscribers here who have come to look upon it as their local magazine. The B. H. M. collection has just been taken up and show a very satisfactory increase, notwithstanding that some did not see the paramount importance of liberal contributions. In 1882 the contributions were \$11; in 1886, \$13, this year is credited to our account \$61, and the full list is not yet sent in. The parish here has to thank Mr. Finiston Starr, of St. John, for a very liberal gift of four dozen large prayer books for the Church.

CAMBRIDGE.—The good people of St. John's Church, here, assembled at Peter's Knights, Esq., on the 5th instant, and after enjoying themselves inwardly and outwardly presented

their Rector, the Rev. C. H. Hatheway; with a purse with over \$30. This, with the kind words that followed, touched his heart so that he was scarce able to reply as he would like.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne," "God save the Queen," and the "Doxology," the happy evening was brought to a close.

RAWDON.—The Rev. Canon Brook, President of King's College, Windsor, delivered a lecture in this parish on the evening of Monday, 3rd inst., on "The conversion to Christ of Saxon England." The lecture was an able one, and was listened to with the deepest attention by those present. Owing to the very bad state of the roads the audience was not half so large as it would otherwise have been. A collection of \$5 was taken for the restoration fund of King's College.

On Wednesday evening, 5th inst., a donation party was held at the residence of Henry Canavan, Esq., Hillsdale. Quite a large party attended and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Music, vocal and instrumental, occupied the early part of the evening. The ladies, as usual, provided an abundance of cake, pies and all the other dainties of the most tempting nature, which the sterner sex disposed of in the most appreciative manner. After tea Mr. Hugh McNeil was called to the chair, and, after opening the meeting, called upon Mr. Benj. O'Brien to present the purse, which contained \$34.19. This having been done in a few complimentary remarks, Rev. Mr. Ancient replied, thanking those present for their continued confidence and kindness. Speeches then being in order the party was addressed by Messrs. Canavan, Jacob Blois, James Blais and other. At about half-past ten a very happy meeting was brought to a close by singing the Doxology.

SHELburne.—The watchnight service was well attended, and it may be gathered that this innovation is an improvement. The usual solemnity of the hour was intensified by the reading of the Parish Register, of the names of those thirty who had during the year been taken from the Church Militant. Others might use to advantage this element of sad interest at these services.

A successful effort was made to secure a place of worship for the Church folk of Birch Town. A meeting house and lot of land sufficiently large for a good sized Church have been bought. Towards the payment for the same \$59.31 was cleared by a tea held on January 12th. This is considered most successful. Great praise is due to Mrs. James Stillman Acker, and Mrs. Andrew Acker, who, with their husbands, acted as a local committee, and enlisted the active sympathy of all friends of the movement. N. W. White, Esq., Q.C., has most generously given \$20 towards reducing the debt, and the Ladies' Sewing Society, \$10. This only leaves a debt of \$10 on a building bought some time ago by Dissenters for \$225, and by which the usefulness of the Church was much hampered. Will those who believe in the advancement of the corporate unity of Christendom by subscription into the Church's flock assist us to furnish this meeting house so that we may in due time have a decent Church? The Curate, Rev. H. How, will be glad of any help. We are soon to open a new church at Sandy Point, and the construction of a church hall in Shelburne is being talked of.

Miss Quinlan and Miss Oates, Sunday-school teachers, entertained on the Feast of the Epiphany all the children of the Church in Sandy Point at a sumptuous tea in Vernon's hall. It is needless to say that their kindness was most highly appreciated. An effort, so far futile, thank God! has been recently made in view of the prospective opening of the new church, to hire this hall for a preaching room, to show, presumably, that we are all going one way. Somehow there seems to be an angel in the way. May he flourish successfully his sword;