

dition by the feeling that I am almost the solitary remnant of the clergy who were laboring in this diocese when I was ordained in the year 1824. My beloved brother in the ministry, the friend of a life time, my fellow worker in the vineyard of the Lord, with whom I so often have "taken sweet counsel," and walked in the House of God as dear friends, the lamented especially of St. George's, where he spent his honored and faithful ministry of nearly half a century, having been called to his rest during the past year, I have since felt more than ever, that my time too is shortening fast, and that whatever I have to do should be done quickly. Only one clergyman remains who was in the diocese before me, and he has for some years been on the retired list.*

Thus left alone of all those who walked with me in the ranks of the ministry at first, it behoves me to offer my heart felt acknowledgements to Him, who has permitted me to labor in His service so long, although alas, with too little profit. To His goodness I would ascribe the uninterrupted health I enjoy, and the ability to be in my accustomed place on every Sabbath of the two years which have elapsed since my last address to you, as well as to go through with the other various duties of my position. May the manifold shortcomings which, as I painfully feel, have marked every day and every year of my course, be covered over by the all perfect robe of the Redeemer's righteousness; and every failure on my part towards you be supplied out of the infinite fulness that dwells in Him. In looking back over the last two years I have also to express my thankfulness for the harmony and good will which has prevailed in our congregation. The attendance, if not as large as my wishes would make it, has yet been very satisfactory and made up chiefly of that class for which this church was designed. I am persuaded that to have God's House thus free to all, has been a privilege highly valued and blessed by Him to the good of many who have passed away, as well as of you that remain. And when the day of final reckoning shall come, I trust and believe that it will be said of this and that one as regards our Zion, "he or she was spiritually born in her." So that then you and I may rejoice together and be forever with our Lord. Still I long to see among you a greater progress in Divine things, more zeal and warmth and earnestness in the great work of your salvation. I desire to find a larger increase in the numbers of our communicants. You

*There are upwards of ninety clergymen now in the Diocese.