

**New St. Andrew's Church, Halifax,** is rapidly advancing towards completion. It now presents a very chaste and beautiful appearance. The windows, which are being glazed, promise to be very handsome. We shall give a full description of the building at some future date, and hence refrain from such a tempting subject at the present. The bell to which we alluded in a former number of the *Record*, valued at \$800, has been ordered, and is to be presented as the gift of a lady of the congregation. We hope that our good people of St. Andrew's will not forget their position as leaders in instrumental music; and we hope that they will erect a good serviceable organ.

**Roger's Hill.**—The congregation of St. John's Church, Roger's Hill, have, during the past summer, been laudably engaged in making improvements upon their Church. They have spent some £50 in having the roof entirely re-shingled, while the portion of a tower that long disfigured the building has been removed. From the next paragraph it will be seen that they are quite as anxious to secure a pastor, as they have been to improve their Church.

**Call to Rev. Mr. Fraser.**—We are much pleased to learn that the congregations of Roger's Hill and Cape John have, jointly and severally, given a unanimous call to the Rev. J. W. Fraser, M. A., of Cape Breton. It is not yet known whether Mr. Fraser will see it to be his duty to remove from the field where he has been so successfully labouring for the past two or three years. His decision will be known early in December.

**Earltown.**—The people of Earltown are doing something towards a new Church, though they are not doing much towards securing a minister. Our congregation there is co-operating with the members of the other Church in the erection of a handsome new Union Church. It is to cost, we understand, over £800. The Rev. Mr. McDougall has been labouring for a few weeks between West Branch River John, and Earltown. There is also, it will be remembered, a large new Union Church in the Western portion of Earltown congregation, at Tatamagouche Falls. This building has now been plastered, and is rapidly approaching completion.

**Saltsprings.**—On Thanksgiving day, the Saltsprings congregation contributed somewhat over \$10 in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, Halifax.

**Death of Rev. Mr. McNair.**—We regret to record the death of the Rev. J. McNair, one of our Sister Presbyterian Church's Missionaries on the Island of Erromanga. He died, like a true soldier of the Cross, fighting in the thickest of the battle in the full prime of life.

**Rev. Dr. Donald, of St. John.**—We understand, from a private letter, that Dr. Donald's health is not improving. He resigned the charge of St. Andrew's on condition of receiving a retiring annuity of \$1,000. He is labouring under a stroke of apoplexy.

**Improvements.**—It is pleasing to hear of many other indications of improvement in the various congregations. At Saltsprings, West River, the Manse has this fall been painted anew, and now presents a very pretty appearance. At River John village, the Kirk has been adorned with a coat of paint, while the people have been busy ploughing the Minister's land. At Wallace a very neat fence has been put round the Church, and the Manse is likewise being attended to.

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### NOTES OF THE MONTH.

SINCE last month's issue there has been no essential change in the state of matters at the seat of war. Paris has been completely invested by the Prussian army. The sufferings of the inhabitants, so far as known, have not as yet been very considerable. They endure nothing from the enemy, as there has been no