

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. A. C. F. Wood, M. A., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, is visiting his relatives in this Parish. On Sunday morning last, he preached in the Parish Church, and in the evening, said the Prayers. Mr. Wood is a graduate of King's College. Two children were baptized at the Morning Service.

WINDSOR FORKS.—The Church at this place is now unprovided for, but enjoys occasional Services through the kindness of the Rector of Windsor, who, either coming himself, or providing a substitute, has given us several Services this summer.

On Sunday, 12th inst., the Church was quite full, and three infants were brought, that they might be "regenerated, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church."

TRURO.—The Rev. J. Brock administered Holy Communion in St. John's Church, on the 15th Sunday after Trinity. Mr. Brock preached two very able sermons.

MAITLAND.—The funeral of the late Hon. A. M. Cochran, Warden of the Parish, was a very imposing one. The Church was heavily draped with black, and the sombre aspect of the draped altar was relieved by the brightness of a white cross on the frontal. The Rev. G. R. Martell read the Service, and Dr. Hill, of Halifax, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the Blessedness of the faithful departed, paying a high tribute to the sterling Christian character of the departed brother, a man who ever took an active, self-denying interest in the welfare of both Church and State. The business in the village was entirely suspended. The village Church could not contain the many who met to honour the dead. Members of the Nova Scotia Government were present, and also many distinguished persons from different parts of the Province and of the surrounding country. Dr. Hill read the Service at the grave. The grave was beautifully lined with soft, fresh moss, not one inch of cold earth being visible; and the coffin was encircled with a wreath of pure water-lilies, six floral crosses, and three floral crowns, all the work of filial affection from the loving hands of his daughters. At the close of the Service, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul" was sung. Truly, "The memory of the just is blessed!"

SYDNEY, C. B.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese reached this Parish by the "Marion" on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2nd inst. The next day opened very inauspiciously, and at times the rain came down heavily. A tolerably good congregation, however, was assembled in St. George's Church at 11 o'clock, when the service began. Matins having been said, the Bishop spoke briefly respecting the state of the Parish, mentioning more particularly the improvements in the interior of the church since his last visit, and the progress which is being made in the erection of a new rectory; and then addressed at some length the candidates for Confirmation. The character of his Lordship's addresses is so well known to your readers that it is not necessary to say more than that his address on this occasion was marked by even more than his usual solemnity and force, and by a fatherly tenderness which was very impressive. Seventeen candidates received the Laying on of Hands; three who live some distance from the church were unfortunately prevented by the rain from attending, and another was subsequently confirmed at North Sydney. His Lordship afterwards preached an eloquent sermon. The Rev. T. F. Draper was present and acted as chaplain. About noon the weather began

to improve, and although it continued dark and threatening no rain fell between the Bishop's departure for and return from the North-West Arm. The services there began with the consecration of the new church, which was dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. His Lordship addressed the congregation, explaining the rite and the nature and duties of public worship. Evening followed, and then the Confirmation Service, with another address by the Bishop. Nineteen candidates were confirmed. His Lordship afterwards preached a very earnest and eloquent extempore sermon. On Saturday he left Sydney for the Missions of Cow Bay and Louisburg, and returned on Thursday, the 9th inst. On the Friday evening he again preached in St. George's Church, and the next day brought to a close a visit which will long be remembered with pleasure, and which, it is hoped, will prove to have been most profitable to pastor and people. The children of St. George's and St. Mark's (Coxheath) Sunday Schools had their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 8th inst., on the beautiful grounds of Captain Worgan. The weather was everything that could be desired. The teachers spared themselves no trouble or pains. The scholars seemed to have gone with a determination to enjoy themselves, and went home highly delighted with the day's proceedings.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Rev. J. O. Ruggles, whose sudden illness stopped his work as canvasser for the College Endowment, in which he had engaged with so much earnest zeal and success, has, we are glad to know, recovered sufficiently to enter anew upon the work. He writes:—"Good meetings at Parrsboro on Wednesday evening and at Five Islands Thursday evening in behalf of King's College by the Agent. About \$50 have been contributed in the latter and the former gives promise of doing well for the fund. A meeting will be held at Port Greville in the early part of next week. The Rector is giving his best assistance."

LONDONDERRY.—The Rev. Isaac Brock, M. A., late of the Diocese of Quebec, succeeds Mr. Harris as Incumbent of this extremely interesting and comfortable Parish. The vigour and success which has attended Mr. Harris' Incumbency, will, we believe, not be wanting in his successor.

AMHERST.—The Rev. V. E. Harris, Incumbent of Londonderry, has been appointed Curate to the Rector of this Parish. Canon Townshend and his people have reason to congratulate themselves in securing Mr. Harris' services.

SPRING HILL.—This Mission, which was for some time vacant, has entered upon a more promising state since the arrival of the present Incumbent in May. Services have been held every Sunday in Spring Hill, and fortnightly in each of the out-stations of Maccan, Athol, Clifton and Oxford. At Spring Hill Mines a good congregation, which is increasing steadily, gathers weekly in the pretty Gothic church for Divine Worship. The mines are in full operation, and the number of families and houses in the village increasing rapidly. Several Church families are expected to move to Spring Hill in connection with the management of the Mines and Railway by the new Syndicate. The Church people give liberally according to their means. Through the kind influence of Mr. Ben. Mattinson a suitable lot beside the church was recently purchased for a rectory. This staunch Churchman has promised the frame and plaster towards it, and as there are several other subscriptions already promised, it is to be hoped that we will soon be in a position to commence building. Mr. Mountford, Churchwarden, and Mr. Mattinson have kindly provided a dozen prayers and hymns combined for the use of visitors. Mr. J. Wallis presented a dozen Bibles for the use of the Sunday School, which was organized in June, and now has over fifty pupils enrolled. A new American organ, Clough & Warren, was placed in the church last week, and used for the first time on Sunday, 12th. It is

quite handsome, and Church-like in appearance, and has a soft, rich tone. Mrs. Byers has kindly consented to act as organist. Steps are being taken towards procuring furnaces before winter sets in. As, besides this, some finishing is still required inside the church, it will be seen that our wants are many; and though our people are facing them bravely, yet the assistance of sympathizing Church people elsewhere would be gratefully received, as it is much needed. The congregations at the Clifton church are good and increasing. Mrs. Carter still perseveres with her Sunday Class, and is doing a good work in establishing the young minds in the principles of the Church, and therefore of the Gospel. The parishioners of Maccan, Athol and River Philip, (Clifton), have generously undertaken to raise the price of a horse for the Incumbent, and have almost succeeded already. Through the kind action of Mr. Charles Bragg, who agreed to become responsible for the horse in the meantime, it was at once placed at the disposal of the Incumbent. At Oxford, Mr. Croke, blacksmith, has offered to procure by subscriptions the price of a carriage. Services at this place are now held in the school-house, but we hope ere long to obtain the hall now building which will be more convenient. At Athol service is held in the railway waiting-room, which is generally filled. A large congregation meets in the little Maccan church, many of whom come from a distance. Mrs. Coates, of Nappan, lately resumed her seat as organist to the great satisfaction of the people. The Church has many staunch supporters in this section, including Mr. Freeman, Mr. Baird, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Ellendar, &c. The church needs a few repairs which we hope soon to be able to carry out.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NORTON.—The beautiful grounds of the Norton Rectory, the residence of Rev. E. A. Warnford, were utilized on Friday evening, 10th inst., by the ladies of the Lower Norton Sewing Circle, as the scene of a fancy sale and garden party. Chinese lanterns, about one hundred in number were suspended from the trees encircling the lawn; the Eighth Cavalry band kindly furnished music; croquet was indulged in for a time, and as the evening was one of the finest of the season, it may be readily imagined the affair was entirely successful, and a handsome sum was realized.

ST. JOHN.—On Sunday, the St. John rifles had a Church parade, and, accompanied by a band, marched to St. Paul's Church, Portland, where divine service was held, and a sermon preached by Canon DeVeber.

NEWCASTLE.—"The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew" held their annual sale on Thursday, July 26th. The Masonic Hall was rented for the occasion, and everything passed off in a very favourable and satisfactory manner. Beside the sale table, a large refreshment table was provided, and together with the ice cream department, did a good business throughout the day. A large number patronized the tea. The affair was highly successful, netting somewhat over \$212, which is to be devoted towards the liquidation of the debt on the Sunday school-house.

THE following Clerical and Lay Delegates will represent this Diocese at the approaching meeting of the Provincial Synod:—Revs. Canon Neales, J. R. Campbell, Canon Brigstocke, G. M. Armstrong, T. E. Dowling, Canon Ketchum, Canon DeVeber, Canon Medley, D. Forsyth, G. G. Roberts, S. J. Hanford, J. M. Davenport; and Messrs. C. W. Weldon, G. R. Parkin, C. H. Fairweather, H. A. Johnson, W. M. Jarvis, Chief Justice Allen, R. T. Clinch, G. A. Blair, Hon. R. Robinson, Hurd Peters, G. E. Fenety, G. S. Grimer.

THE agitation in the Montreal Synod with reference to the office of Metropolitan is known to be largely the work of one man, a worthy gentleman and a good Churchman, but upon this subject quite beside himself. It is thought that, as