

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—Speaking of the contemplated departure of the Rev. A. J. Townend, the Halifax correspondent of the *Montreal Gazette* has the following, every word of which we heartily endorse: "I regret to say that the senior chaplain to the forces on this station, the Rev. Mr. Townend, has received orders to hold himself in readiness to leave. His departure will be sorely felt not only by the military, but by all classes of civilians to whom he has endeared himself during his ten years' stay amongst us, by his unfailing courtesy and readiness to contribute his valuable aid to any good cause. As a preacher he takes high ground, and has laboured zealously and faithfully for the spiritual and physical well-being of those soldiers entrusted to his charge. As a lecturer, he will leave behind him no equal in this community: his wit, humour and pathos on the platform have ever been listened to by crowded and delighted audiences. He will take his departure from our shores carrying with him the best wishes and respects of the citizens of Halifax." It is hoped that before leaving Halifax Mr. Townend will lecture on behalf of the Church of England Institute, in which institution he has always shown a deep interest.

THE REV. G. E. W. MORRIS, for many years on the retired list, died at his residence in Halifax on Friday last. Mr. Morris was, we believe, the oldest clergyman of the Church in Canada, having been born in 1794, and was, consequently, in his 89th year. Mr. Morris was universally respected as a man of singular simplicity of character and of Christian benevolence. The funeral took place on Monday, and the services at the church and grave were conducted by the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon, and the Rector of St. Luke's.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's*.—The Dedication Festival will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 17. Choral Evensong at 7.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop. On Thursday, Oct. 18, Festival of St. Luke, Holy Communion (Choral), 7.30, Matins and Lesson at 11, Holy Communion at 11.45, Choral Evensong 7.30, when the preacher will be the Rev. F. Partridge, B. D., Rector of St. George's Church. The offerings at all the services will be on behalf of the Falkland Mission.

THE Annual Service in connection with the Sunday Schools of the city will be held on Sunday afternoon, in St. Paul's Church, the preacher will be the Rev. F. Partridge, of St. George's.

CHESTER.—It is hoped that by this time next year the long talked of chancel will be a reality. The material will be got out this winter so that operations will commence early next spring. About three weeks ago we had a tea-meeting and realized \$120. At Chester Basin we have the frame up, roof on, and building boarded in of a small church. We recently raised \$280 clear of expenses by a tea-meeting for this object, and we have about \$300 subscribed. The work is going on successfully under the diligent oversight of the Rev. G. H. Butler.

S. E. PASSAGE.—Quite a pleasant gathering of the Sunday School scholars and their friends was held on the 26th ult. The children assembled at the church and had a bright service before marching to Mr. Peter Himelman's grounds, where they enjoyed themselves after the usual fashion on those occasions. The day was a lovely one, and the 300 or 400 persons of all ages present seemed to enjoy themselves. The tables were well supplied, and after the races, prize distributing, etc.,

"God save the Queen" was sung, and about six o'clock the gathering broke up.

ALBION MINES.—While in England the Rector was authorized by those who conducted the affairs of our last bazaar to select a carpet for our chancel. The weaving being unfinished at the time of Mr. Moore's leaving, the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach kindly brought it out. It is now in place and gives great satisfaction. It is a Brussels of ecclesiastical pattern, and cost \$122.80 altogether. Christ Church never looked as well outside as it does now, thanks to the painting of the tower and spire in keeping with the church in two shades of stone colour.

WINDSOR.—Rev. W. E. Wilson, Prof. of Classics in King's College, has arrived home from a trip to England.

King's College.—The Rev. J. G. Ruggles reports his canvass in Cape Breton in behalf of the College as a great success, both financially and in creating an enthusiasm in the welfare of King's. He is now in Arichat. In another fortnight he will begin his Western tour, commencing at St. Margaret's Bay. We hope the people of the West will respond liberally to Mr. Ruggles' appeal, so that the full amount may soon be in hands.

COW BAY.—The Rev. Mr. Ruggles, agent for King's College, arrived here on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, from Louisbourg, and addressed a very intelligent and appreciative congregation in St. Paul's Church, Cow Bay. In spite of the dryness of the subject, it proved a deeply interesting one to us all, owing to the able manner in which the speaker dealt with it. The evils of our present educational system were brought before the people, and shewn in their true light by being contrasted with the higher one which the agent so earnestly advocated. We are thankful to have had such a fund of valuable information laid before us relative to the many advantages of a college education, and those of King's College in particular. Subscriptions were taken up at the close of the service, and a personal canvass made with the Incumbent on the following day. The agent was then taken by the Incumbent of Christ Church, South Head, where Evensong was held and an address delivered to the people of that part of the Mission. Here, as in Cow Bay, a personal canvass was made, and the advantages and wants of the College were brought before the people individually. The agent and Mr. Lockyer leave to-day for the Reserve and Lornway Mines, and by the time the Mission has been thoroughly canvassed about \$200 will be added to the fund. The agent was the guest of Robert Belloni, Esq., at Cow Bay, and Mr. Theophilus Spencer at South Head, to both of whom he is deeply indebted for many acts of special kindness. Mr. Shaw, the agent for the CHURCH GUARDIAN, has also been here, and made the best use of his logical and persuasive powers to circulate Church literature and advance the interests of the Catholic Church.

St. Paul's Church has been undergoing repairs during the past month, its exposed situation having necessitated the placing of iron rods across it and otherwise securing it against the heavy gales which usually prevail here during the autumn.

The Incumbent has just received a pair of buffalo robes (valued at \$40), the warmth of which during the coming winter can only be exceeded by the many acts of special kindness on the part of the parishioners who presented them.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM.—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan administered the rite of Confirmation to 35 candidates in St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, on Sunday, the 30th Sept. A large congregation was present, and his Lordship's vigorous and earnest sermon was full of edification.

SIMONDS.—The Rev. Geo. Schofield and Mrs. Schofield have arrived home via Quebec, after an

absence of five months in England. The Rev. A. H. Weeks has been in charge during Mr. Schofield's absence.

ST. JOHN.—His Lordship Bishop Kingdon is here, and will hold Confirmation Services at Dorchester and other places the coming week.

Mr. R. B. Humphrey, of this city, has in his possession a pamphlet containing a sermon preached in Trinity Church, on the 24th June, 1803, to the Freemasons, who met there to celebrate the memory of St. John Baptist. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Jno. Beardsley, M. A., formerly a Missionary for the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, and the text was Hebrews xiii., 1st verse—"Let brotherly love continue."

ST. JOHN.—Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. James' Church, celebrated the anniversary of his entering upon the Rectorship of the Parish on Sunday last, and preached an appropriate and highly interesting sermon. Mr. Troop is evidently doing a good work.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES were held in most of the churches on Sunday, and the congregations were good. At St. Paul's (Valley) Church the services were particularly bright and pleasing.

TREE planting in the old burying ground was carried on on a large scale on Thursday. Every old loyalist seems to have been remembered by some relative or friend and so several hundred trees were put in the ground.

FREDERICTON.—At the Episcopal Convention at Philadelphia, on Thursday, the delegation from the Provincial Synod of Canada were presented, and Rt. Rev. John Medley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada, addressed the Convention. We are all one Church, he said, and it is a comfort to know that those ties by which we are joined can never be broken. His Lordship then referred to the great love in Canada for the American Church. The Convention, he declared, was engaged in a most important work—the enrichment of the liturgy. He asked the deputies to give heed to the counsels of an old man, and to proceed with the utmost caution. The Bishop implored the blessing of God on the deliberations of the convention, and hoped that, when they separated, they would have nothing to regret. The Metropolitan was followed by Canon Brigstocke and other members of the delegation.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Dr. Ewer, Rector of St. Ignatius' Church, New York, who has been in Montreal for the benefit of his health, while occupying the pulpit of St. John the Evangelist's Church on Sunday, 7th inst., in the middle of a particularly eloquent sentence of an able and powerful discourse, was noticed to be evidently in distress, when suddenly he dropped down upon the floor from the effects of a paralytic stroke, from which he never rallied, and on Wednesday died. His body will be sent to New York for burial. The deceased was a distinguished theologian of the American Church, of the highest ritualistic proclivities; his most recent utterance, however, has been a particularly clear and moderate statement of the Ritualists' position, in an open letter to the Bishop of Central New York, which has been the subject of much comment both favorable and otherwise. Dr. Ewer was not born in the Church, his parents having been Unitarians, but came in from conviction at the age of seventeen. Subsequently he imbibed infidel views, which he retained more or less until his twenty-sixth year, when, after a careful study of the claims of the Christian religion, he fully accepted the doctrines of the Church, and was led