

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. J. J. Roy, of the French Mission Church, Montreal, preached in St. Luke's in the morning and St. George's in the evening, of Sunday, the 29th ult. The large congregations at both Churches were deeply interested in Mr. Roy's discourses, which very clearly and admirably stated the condition and needs of the important work in which he is engaged. Mr. Roy has been canvassing Halifax since, and has been quite successful in securing contributions.

HALIFAX.—St. Paul's Church, which has been closed the past three weeks for repairs, was opened on Sunday for the resumption of the Church's services. The whole church has been thoroughly renovated, and presents a greatly improved appearance. The services on Sunday were hearty and largely attended.

Garrison Chapel.—The General commanding the forces has created quite a sensation by ordering the regimental military bands to play the troops to and from church. This practice was abolished at the request of many citizens over 20 years ago by General Doyle, and the new orders have attracted much attention. It is said that the General also contemplates a change in the music of the Chapel. The bands are to take the place or are to assist the choir in the musical portions of the service.

St. George's.—The Sunday School Picnic on Thursday was largely attended, and proved in every way a pleasant occasion to those present.

DARTMOUTH.—One of the most successful excursions enjoyed for many a day, was the Picnic in connection with the Dartmouth Sunday School, which came off at Hosterman's grounds on Tuesday last. Over 700 people, old and young, were said at one time to be on the grounds.

SACKVILLE.—We are requested to state that the testimonial lately presented to Mr. Harrison, Lay Reader of this Parish, was given not by the parishioners generally, but by the Church people of Hammond's Plains.

HALY-WAY COVE.—On Sunday, July 29th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese paid his triennial visit to this Mission, and administered the Apostolic Rite of Laying On of Hands to eleven persons. The ages of the candidates ranged from 16 to 38 years, (2 of the candidates were converts from the Methodists and one from Rome,) these make eleven adults now brought over to the Church by the Rev. Mr. Arnold since he took charge of this Mission 3 years ago, and 37 candidates Confirmed. His Lordship gave a very practical address, and complimented the large number of Church people present on the substantial preparation he saw made towards carrying out that which has been talked of for so many years, namely, the building of a new church. After Service his Lordship walked with the Rev. Mr. Arnold to the new Mission House, where he remained over night, and on Monday morning, 30th, both started over the barmens to Coal Harbor, where, in the afternoon, all the Church people that were home and could come, met us in the school house, and his Lordship again administered the Rite of Confirmation to 18 well prepared candidates, whose ages ranged from 49 to 17, (here again one was from Rome and one from the Baptists.) His Lordship's visit and addresses were very highly appreciated by the people here, who, for want of roads are totally shut out from the outside world. His Lordship seeing the imperative necessity of more suitable buildings to meet in, urged the people to make strong efforts to put up a Church at both places. The following

sums were given to the Rev. Mr. Arnold last fall in Halifax:—Rev. Dr. Hill, \$5.00; T. A. Brown, Esq., \$6.00; Thos. A. Ritchie, Esq., \$5.00; J. N. Ritchie, Esq., \$5.00; Hon. A. G. Jones, \$5.00; John C. Halliburton, Esq., \$4.00; S. A. White, Esq., \$5.00; Captain Samuel Trott, S. S. "Minia," \$5.00; J. W. Allison, Esq., \$2.00; John McDonald, Esq., Preston Road, \$2.00; Friend \$1.00; Total \$44.00, for new Church at Half-Way Cove. Any other sums will be thankfully received by the Missionary Incumbent, Crow Harbor, Guysboro Co., N. S.

MAITLAND.—A very serious blow has fallen not only upon the Parish of Maitland, but upon the Church of the Diocese, by the sudden death of the Hon. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C., M. E. C., which happened on Thursday evening last. It was only on Thursday morning that Mr. Cochran arrived home from Cape Breton, whither he had been to represent his Government in connection with certain public matters. Mr. Cochran was a man universally respected and beloved by his neighbours, and in the Church he was for very many years a chief support, and a warm-hearted and devoted member. He was truly an honorable public man, and both parties in politics have borne willing testimony to his sterling qualities. As a member of the Diocesan and Provincial Synods, and as a member of the Board of Home Missions of the Diocese, he has long been identified with the fortunes and work of the Church. To him is mainly due the existence as well as the growth of the Church in the Parish of Maitland. When he went there the Church was almost unknown, now we can point to several churches and a considerable Church population largely due to his own good example and consistent life, as well as to his unceasing labours, and the earnest advocacy of the Church's claims at all times and occasions. Born in 1811, Mr. Cochran was, consequently, in his 73rd year. We extend to his sorrowing family our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolence in their great affliction, and we mourn with the Church at large the loss of so true and devoted a member.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—St. Paul's Church had its annual Flower Service on Sunday. The children of the parish each with a bouquet went in procession with banners, from the Rectory to the Church singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." After a short service the children in a very orderly and reverent manner proceeded to the Chancel steps where the flowers were placed in a large wooden cross perforated with holes. The cross with over one hundred bouquets in it was then raised above the altar, and an appropriate sermon preached to the children. On the following morning the little ones assembled at the Church and conveyed the flowers to the sick people of the town, and to the cemetery where no grave was forgotten.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—We have overlooked making reference to the opening of a Girls' Friendly House, by the lady members, and under the auspices of the Church of England Institute. The House is close to the new Cotton Mill, and is large and roomy, and under the care of an excellent matron. Owing to the untiring energy of the ladies, the place is well furnished and has been made very comfortable. The Coadjutor Bishop generously contributed \$50 towards repairing and furnishing. Only a few girls have as yet come to work in the Mill, but more are expected. This is a good and an important work, and must prove of great value to the female operatives by throwing around them the protection so much needed in a city, and also securing for them clean and comfortable quarters, and the oversight and counsel of devoted and Christian women. We warmly endorse this work, and ask for it the generous support and personal interest of our St. John Church people.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's Sunday School Picnic

came off on Wednesday, at Belyea's grounds on the St. John River, and was a great success, being largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The Rector and Mrs. Stevens as well as the teachers generally worked with a will, and the affair passing of so well is due to their untiring exertions. The difficulty and responsibility attending a children's excursion are always great, and when it is over without an accident everybody interested breathes more freely.

A Canadian writer in an American Church paper speaks very warmly of Bishop Kingdon's efforts in increasing the contributions for Home Mission purposes. He claims that Bishop Bond of Montreal and the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton have grasped the correct principle, and have successfully utilized it, thereby calling out the support of the laity on behalf of the work of the Church. We believe Bishop Kingdon's success lies in his thorough earnestness and unselfishness, and in the way in which he places the matter before the people. We know our people are not deficient in generous sympathies and in religious feeling, but they have not had the subject of giving brought before them in an attractive way. Both Bishops Bond and Kingdon speak plainly, and people know that what they say they mean, and that unless increased offerings were needed they would not be appealed to. More than that. Bishop Kingdon we know has striven to make it a personal religious question, and has sought to arouse people to do their duty towards God by helping forward the work of His Church. The increase in the amount of subscriptions should prove a stimulus to still further enlarged contributions the coming year, and while whole counties like Albert are without the services of the Church, no efforts should be relaxed to increase the funds of the Diocesan Church Society. Systematized giving will be more productive of results than the haphazard way of contributing of former years. The weekly offertory affords the best means in the majority of cases, where that is not possible, monthly or quarterly payments will enable subscribers to contribute more liberally.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—On Sunday, 5th inst., the Church people here had the pleasure of listening to a very able sermon from the Rev. Dr. Pattison, Rector of Grace Church, Syracuse, Diocese of Central New York, who has been visiting his brother, W. M. Pattison, Esq., Collector of Customs at Clarenceville. Dr. Pattison has been for some years in his present charge, and is quite a distinguished man in the American Church.

WATERLOO.—At a teachers' meeting held here on Thursday, August 2, the Rev. Mr. Rexford, the popular and hard-working Secretary of the department, delivered a very important address with reference to school regulations and other school matters. In the evening, among other speakers was the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, Rector of the Parish, who always takes a very warm interest in school affairs.

MONTREAL.—There seems to be much sympathy felt in the city for the Professors of Victoria College, which the Pope, in the interests of the Medical School of Laval University, has ordered to be closed. Some of the Professors declare that they are not to be deterred by the action of his Holiness, but will open their classes in October. The difficulty lies, however, chiefly in the fact that the doors of the Hotel Dieu will be closed to their students. They say if the College is closed their students will not go to Laval but to McGill and Bishop's College. Of course it is chiefly a matter for themselves, but it seems a great pity that a more liberal spirit was not shown towards what have been no doubt well-intentioned efforts in the cause of medical education.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—I trust it is not too late to