

proverbially the worst wars. When ministers do fight, they fight like sin. May the God of peace bring all our denominations into smooth waters. It took only one Jonah to upset the entire Mediterranean Sea, and one minister out of tune with his denomination will keep everything boiling like a pot from Princeton to Andover and from Middletown to Rochester. Peace, be still!

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Queen's Birthday was celebrated on St. George's Church by a parade service of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers. The soldierly appearance of the men in their least bright uniforms attracted large crowds. Acting Deputy Adjutant Gordon was present with the battalion. The Rev. Dr. Partridge preached an appropriate discourse at St. George's. He cordially welcomed the men to the worship of God in the old historic church; nothing could give him more pleasure than to do so. In years ago it was the garrison church, before the present garrison church was erected. Some of the older members would remember the soldiers sitting in the galleries. He welcomed them for deeper and better reasons than the historic. He respected, he might say he loved the volunteers. They were banded together in the service of their Queen and country. There was nothing mercenary about the volunteer movement. Herein lay its great value. It was not their profession in life, not the means by which they made a living; it was something they were doing beyond the work for self. Christ was the purest, the best volunteer the world ever saw. At any time He could have withdrawn from his self-imposed task and left the world unredeemed. The preacher said his interest was increased in the services of the hour by the remembrance that it was the Birthday of the Queen. He often wondered how much of our sentiment of loyalty merely belonged to the Sovereign as sovereign to the country as country, or personally to the noble person who adorned the throne—that exemplary mother, that lady whose example had been an inspiration to the nation. He had drawn attention to the principle of voluntarism. The whole principle of religious teaching, worship and service was based on voluntarism. Adam and Eve in the garden, were at liberty to do as they wished. If they did right it must be of their own account. Blessing and cursing, life and death, were set before the Israelites in the same way. God asked them and He asks us, to choose life, but He will not force us to choose life. Turning again to the volunteers more particularly, Dr. Partridge said it was hard to say when the volunteer movement began. An effort had been made to trace it back to feudal times, then to the trained bands of the reign of Henry VIII, a remnant of which was still in existence in the 'ancient and honorable artillery company' of London. In 1779 when there was fear of a French invasion of Ireland, a volunteer army of 40,000 was enrolled. In 1789, when Napoleon I. was beginning to terrorize the nations of Europe, the volunteer forces were again looked to for help. When in 1857 Napoleon III. (not the great) made Europe uneasy; when Britain's reserves had been taxed by the Crimean war, the Chinese war and the Indian mutiny, and when trouble seemed to be looming up on this continent, at a time when all looked dark, then the volunteer movement began, now so important a factor in Britain's power. There could now be held a review in which 450,000 volunteers might assemble. It had become a national and not a merely local institution. Against those whom the preacher cautioned his hearers to be on their guard, were those who told them that there was nothing in religion; that religious belief was a thing of the past; that

religion was something that would keep men bound down by priestcraft, and that secularism was what suited this age. That idea was eloquently combated and its hollowness pointed out. Keep your soul pure from evil and do with your might that which is right. He pointed the men to the battalion crest, and charged them to be faithful in the everyday walk of life as well as when danger might come, when bullets flew and bayonets might drain the life blood; carry the motto out in life or death, and do your duty faithfully. At the conclusion of the service, the band and congregation united in the National Anthem.—*Com.*

St. Luke's.—There was an ordination service at St. Luke's on Sunday week, when the following Deacons were ordained to the priesthood: Rev. A. W. Smithers; Rev. H. Beers, of King's College, a native of P.E.I.; and Rev. L. E. Skey, curate of St. Paul's; Dav. Richards, B.A., of St. David's, Lampeter, Wales, lately arrived from England, was advanced Deacon. Bishop Kingdon, coadjutor to Bishop Medley, Metropolitan of Canada, officiated. In beginning the ordination sermon Bishop Kingdon became ill and was forced to retire to the vestry. Dean Gilpin replaced him and delivered an able and appropriate sermon. At the conclusion Bishop Kingdon had recovered sufficiently to be able to proceed with the ordination.

WINDSOR.—On Monday evening, 25th May, the Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, administered the rite of Confirmation, at Christ Church, to a large class of over forty candidates. Besides his Lordship, the Bishop, the following clergymen were present: The Rector, Ven. Archdeacon Weston-Jones, Rev. Canon Maynard, Rev. P. Owen Jones, of Halifax, Rev. Prof. Vroom, and Rev. Arnoldus Miller. The opening sentence of the Confirmation service was read by Rev. Prof. Vroom, after which Bishop Kingdon gave an address. His subject was the baptism of our saviour by St. John the Baptist, and the subsequent descent of the Holy Spirit in bodily shape. His Lordship was suffering from a very severe cold; indeed, at an ordination service at which he officiated in Halifax in the morning, he was taken so ill that he was unable to preach, as he had intended, but in spite of physical disability his address was an able, interesting and forcible one. At its close the Confirmation service was proceeded with, and when all had been confirmed the Bishop gave an address to the candidates, full of wisdom and fatherly advice. He called to their remembrance the temptations which befel our Saviour immediately after His baptism and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him; and warned them that they must expect temptation; but that if they would only realize that a temptation was an opportunity sent by God that they might declare themselves on His side, these trials would be less likely to gain the mastery over them. He urged upon them five duties, which, if steadfastly adhered to, would make the path onward and upward an easy one to travel. The first was, Prayer; the second, regular and systematic reading of God's Holy Word; the third, a regular attendance at the Courts of the Lord's House; the fourth, frequency and regularity in partaking of the Holy Communion; and the fifth, the giving of a definite proportion of their worldly income to the Lord.

The candidates from the Collegiate School, of whom there were twelve, were presented by Rev. Prof. Vroom; those from the congregation of Christ Church, by the Rector. Five of the girls were from the Church School for Girls.—*Hants Journal.*

WINDSOR PLAINS.—The congregation and friends of St. Thomas' Church here, assisted by the students of King's College, are preparing for an entertainment to be given at the Plains, on Friday evening, June 5th.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR SPAINGHILL MINES.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following list of subscriptions for the Cottage Hospital:

Messrs. Sills & Bro., Frankford, Ont., \$5.45; offertory, St. James Church, Ingersoll, Ont., \$14; a friend, Ottawa, \$1. Total \$20.45; full total from Canada, \$705.37; amount required \$4 000.

The young man of whom I wrote in my last letter died after a few days illness at the hotel. The subscriptions are now gradually ceasing, and yet I still dare to hope that my Canadian brothers will give to us at least one fourth of the required amount. We are most sincerely grateful to the friends who have helped us, and we earnestly solicit a continuance of their interest in this work for Christ and His suffering ones. Will not some of our wealthy brothers come to the rescue?

I remain yours, very sincerely,
W. CHAS. WILSON.
Springhill Mines, N.S., May 27th, 1891.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST JOHN.—According to a religious census lately taken here—the correctness of which, however, may not be absolute—the Church of England membership exceeded that of any other religious body; 1,450 families are reported as *Episcopalians*; number attending Church 4,525; and church members 2,230. The next in order, the Methodists, are a long way behind, viz: families 912; attendance 3,057; members 1886.

An enjoyable conversation was held in the Church of England Institute room on the evening of 27th ult. Rev. Canon Brigstocke presided. A good musical programme was well carried out, several good choruses being sung, and solos given by Miss Fowler, Mr. Porter and Mr. G. L. Robinson. A clarionet solo was nicely rendered by Mr. Charles Coster.

CHATHAM DEANERY.—At a meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of this Deanery, held at Derby, May 19th, there were present the Rev. Canon Forsyth, R. D., J. H. S. Sweet, W. J. Wilkinson and R. W. Hudgell. Besides the reading and discussion of the appointed passages of Scripture, and other routine work the music was selected for its Annual Choral Union service to be held in all probability at St. Paul's Church, Chatham, and the Secretary was authorized to order copies of the same and to distribute them among the various choirs of the Deanery.

At a meeting of the S. S. Teachers' Association held on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Canon Forsyth read an interesting and instructive paper on 'The Necessary Qualifications for a good S.S. Teacher.' In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Howard on account of a late bereavement, her paper, a most original and suggestive one on 'S.S. teaching and its methods,' was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. An object lesson by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson brought a very profitable and enjoyable meeting to a close. The Executive Committee afterwards decided upon the subjects for the S.S. Teachers' Examinations, to be held at Chatham in September next.

Addresses bearing principally upon S.S. work were given by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, J. H. S. Sweet and Canon Forsyth, after Evensong on Tuesday. On Wednesday, there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the Rural Dean was the celebrant, assisted by the Rector of the parish, and in the evening the Deanery service was held, the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson being the preacher.

On Thursday morning the clergy (with the exception of the Rector of Bay du Vin, who was obliged to return home) proceeded to the new church (St. Agnes) at Gray Rapids, where