

Diocesan News.

An association has been lately organized at Fredericton called "The Women's Aid Association for the Diocese of Fredericton." It is hoped this Society will become the parent of branch associations in various parts of the Diocese, and act as a great motive power for the work of the Church.

The Rev. T. E. and Mrs. Dowling sailed for England on Saturday, 13th inst. We trust the sea voyage and rest may restore the health of the Rector of St. Stephen, whose diligent work will be sadly missed by his parishioners.

Rev. A. J. Reid, Curate of Moncton, was admitted to the Holy Order of the Priesthood by the Metropolitan of Canada on Sunday, March 21st.

The Parish of Bathurst has recovered itself and is now in a position to look for the services of a Rector. The parishioners deserve great credit for the strenuous efforts they have made of late.

Special Lenten services are being held in nearly all the Parishes of the Diocese, with the promise of good results.

We are thankful to learn that Confirmations will be held in very many missions in 1886 where a like privilege was extended last year.

Fairville Items.

On March 4 an entertainment was given in the Church Hall, consisting of music, dialogues, etc., by members of the Choir, assisted by the Fife and Drum Band, which played selections during the evening. Having been in existence such a short time, the Band deserves the highest praise for its very creditable performance. The concert was a thorough success from beginning to end. The hall was densely packed. Nearly 100 ticket holders were obliged to go away without obtaining admission. The parts were well sustained, and from the repeated applause which greeted the performers, it was evident the audience were well pleased. On the 9th the concert was repeated by request, those who were disappointed in hearing the first having the privilege of using their tickets for the second one. A nice sum was realized towards the Building Fund. Our charge was only 15 cents, yet we cleared over

\$40. It is hoped shortly to enlarge the hall and to raise the platform, and after Easter to give a series of entertainments for the purpose of raising the \$2,000 required to finish our Church.

During the past month the top part of the Church has been greatly improved. The Pastor has been greatly pleased and cheered by the zeal and energy lately displayed by various members of his congregation. The Choir has his special thanks. Messrs. Lodge, Herrington, Engals, McGuire, Golden, Shanks, Gregg, and our faithful sexton, Wm. Miller, have freely and willingly given their time and labour towards helping to finish their Church. During the past month they have sheathed the upper part of the Church, cleared up the grounds, and intend soon starting to build a stable and barn for their Pastor's horse, etc. Would that many others would copy and follow their examples.

On March 11th we had the pleasure of Canon Medley's presence amongst us, he having preached the first of our Lenten sermons. He is to be followed by Rev. J. M. Davenport, and during April we hope to receive visits from the Revs. O. S. Newnham, W. Greer, and G. O. Troop.

Parochial Items.

JOHNSTON :—The Church Extension Association of Kilburn, London, has kindly sent for St. Paul's Church, in this Parish, a beautiful Altar covering, Frontal and Super-Frontal, together with a complete set of Altar Linen. The Altar, which was quite bare before, is now appropriately and handsomely adorned, thanks to these kind ladies.

Lent Lectures are being held both in S. Paul's and St. John's Churches, and promise to be well attended.

A "Busy Bee Society," composed of the S. S. girls, meets fortnightly at Goshen. The Queen Bees are Miss Hanington and Miss Cody. The hive is the School House. Their stings are in the form of needles. The honey they diligently make is not to eat, but mostly to wear, and will be sold at some coming Bazaar for Church purposes.

St. Paul's Church has now an organist, Mr. W. Hanbury, of London, England, having kindly consented to act in that capacity during his stay in the Parish.