

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

UNDER "Marriage Notices" this week will be found the name of the Bishop's eldest daughter who was married on Thursday to Mr. Belfield of the Royal Munster Fusiliers. The ceremony took place at the Cathedral, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a large and fashionable congregation was present. Notwithstanding the numbers the behaviour was admirable, in this respect contrasting most favorably with some previous weddings in Halifax. The bride, our readers need hardly be told, was dressed elegantly, in pure white, and looked very charming, the same being also true of the bridesmaids, also dressed in pure white. Miss Fanny Binney and Miss Odell, and two children, the Misses Abbott and McClintock, the latter the Admiral's little daughter. After the ceremony, which took place at a quarter to twelve, a large company gathered at the Bishop's residence where a couple of pleasant hours were spent in viewing the numerous and handsome presents, and in partaking of his Lordship's and Mrs. Binney's hospitality. Lively and witty speeches were made by the Admiral, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Commander of the Forces, Col. Drayson, as well as by his Lordship and the bridegroom, whose speech in response to the Admiral's very witty remarks when toasting the bride, was heartily applauded. The bridal party left in the 3 o'clock train for Windsor, followed with much "rice" and the heartfelt wishes of all present for their future happiness. We join our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the host of those already tendered the happy couple. The only apparent drawback to the complete satisfaction of the Bishop and Mrs. Binney was the unavoidable absence of their two sons of whom one, lately ordained Priest, is working in a Parish in Cheshire, and the other is pursuing his studies at Oxford. The parents are to be congratulated on the success of their children, as well as on the happy event recorded above.

HALIFAX.—Our Halifax readers will bear in mind the Missionary meeting which is to be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the new Masonic Hall. The Lord Bishop will preside, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. R. Heber Bullock, D. C. L., of England, and by Revs. Geo. W. Hodgson, M. A., J. Partridge, B. D., and F. R. Murray, and several laymen. The united city choirs under the conductorship of Prof. Porter will lead the singing. A collection will be taken up in behalf of the Missionary objects of the Church. All are invited.

SERVICES during Synod week: Tuesday, 10 o'clock,—Prayers and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer at 6. Every other day Early Celebration at half-past 7, and morning Prayer at 9.

THE *Times*, of Manawatee, New Zealand, May 17th, 1882, says: "The friends of the Rev. Mr. Keating in Palmerston, who are doubtless numerous both in and out of the Church of England connection, will be sorry to learn of his intended departure from the district. In the Church of which he has been for many months the officiating pastor he will be greatly missed. His zeal and energy have been of a most conspicuous character, and he takes with him the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts have been successful in so far as they have resulted in a largely attended congregation, and a generally thriving condition of the Church. An acquisition both to the Anglican body and to the town is the handsome and commodious Church which now stands at the south corner of the Square. This has been erected during Mr. Keating's pastorate, and is, in a great measure, the result, as it will be a memento of that gentleman's exertions. We understand that Mr. Keating's next field of operations is Patea, where we trust that his efforts will be as successful as they have been in Palmerston." [Mr. Keating, formerly Rector of Kentville, is a native of Halifax.]

HALIFAX.—Acknowledgments.—Mission Buildings, corner Compton Avenue and Windsor Street.—The following amounts are most gratefully acknow-

ledged.—Collected by Miss Laura Harvey, \$6.25. Result of special printed appeal to date:—W. H. Pallister, Esq., \$20.00; James S. Scott, Esq., 10.00; Mrs. and the Misses Binney, 2.00; Mrs. and Misses Almon, 2.00; Mrs. Paulin, 2.00; Miss Archibald, 1.00; J. C. Haliburton, 1.00, (second donation); Mrs. F. Allison, 1.00; Mrs. Burmester, 1.00; Miss Burmester, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pryor, 1.00; Mrs. Wm. Robertson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson, 1.00; Mr. J. Anderson, 1.00; Mrs. Kenneth McLea, 1.00; Miss Gossip, 1.00; Miss Scott, 50c; Mrs. W. H. Wiswell, 50c; Mrs. J. W. Allison, 50c. \$48.50. Previously acknowledged, \$481.50. Total receipts to date, \$535.79. The special printed appeal referred to asked for 50c. from every Churchman and Churchwoman, of which upwards of 300 have been circulated, and a few, as will be seen, have most generously responded, to whom we offer our sincere thanks. Will those others, who have received these appeals, or any others who were overlooked, be good enough to aid this most important project by sending in the small sum asked?

The Committee are most anxious to have the Sunday School organized at once, and earnestly solicit the co-operation of all members of the Church in this city.

SELWYN H. SHREVE,
Treasurer.

June 26, 1882.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE regular June meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham was held at Dalhousie on the 6th and two following days. Although there were not so many present as usual, the meetings were nevertheless interesting and instructive. After organizing on Wednesday morning by appointing Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson chairman and hearing the minutes of the last meeting, the chapter adjourned till the afternoon. Met as per adjournment and read 2 Tim. ii. in the original, and spent nearly the whole session in a spirited discussion upon it. Rev. Aug. F. Hiltz read a paper on "The Christian's obligation to pay tithes," which with a few general remarks on the same subject closed the session. Met next day at 11 o'clock and after passing a resolution to request Rev. Aug. F. Hiltz to publish his paper in the CHURCH GUARDIAN, the Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson read a paper on "Children's Services," followed by an account from the brethren present of their experience in S. S. work. The routine business was, then, completed by appointing the next meeting for Duty on October 17th, Rev. D. Forsyth the preacher, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet the substitute, Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson to prepare a paper on "Lay Baptism," and Rev. E. P. Flewelling one on "Holy Communion in its sacrificial aspect." The devotional part of the proceedings consisted of evening prayer on Tuesday; Wednesday at 10 o'clock, morning prayer and Holy Communion, and Thursday morning prayer at the same hour. Wednesday evening there was full evening service with addresses by Rev. Aug. F. Hiltz and Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson—the former on "Giving," based upon 2 Cor. xii., 13, "Forgive me this wrong," and the latter on "The general work of the Church in the Diocese." On Thursday evening the ordinary Deanery service was held, at which Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson preached, taking for his text Heb. vi., 10. The offertory which was on behalf of Widows and Orphans of the Clergy was quite liberal, and a good response to the appeals made during the meetings. Thus ended a very interesting series of meetings in connection with our Deanery; and one can only regret that the members did not more fully avail themselves of the occasion to visit a section of the country which has so many attractions at any season of the year, but which is particularly charming in early June.

AUG. F. HILTZ, Secty.

ST. STEPHEN.—The *St. Croix Courier* of June 22nd says: "We regret to learn that Rev. Mr. Deblois, Rector of Trinity Church, has finally determined to leave his charge here and return to Nova Scotia. During his stay here, Mr. Deblois has done good work in his church, and made many friends. His departure will be felt very much. He will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday next."

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY—OCCASIONAL PAPER.
No. IV.

Present Needs of the Diocese.—We may look at the state of our Diocese, with feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God for many past mercies, for much honest and faithful work being done from week to week in both old and new Missions; and yet we cannot blind our eyes to the fact that there are several Missions now lying vacant, and much ground still unoccupied in our Home Mission Field.

Vacant Missions.—And first we find that at the present time there are nine fields of labour without the services of a Missionary Priest; some of them having enjoyed the spiritual privileges of the Church for many years, and some having been set off as new pastures for only a few years. The names of these vacant Missions are: Aberdeen, Albert, Cambridge, Canterbury, Douglas, Grand Falls, Madawaska, Point du Chene and Waterford.

I.—Albert and Madawaska, as Missions of the Church, comprise, as is generally known, two whole Counties. In the former the work is by no means new, but no settled Missionary has stayed there much longer than a year at a time for more than twenty years; so that if the Church Society grants aid to Albert, it may almost claim the establishment of a new Mission. Madawaska, however, is a County where the members of the Church are very few, and the prospects of an increase necessarily small, the population being chiefly French. Are we not to care for the few souls because they are few? It seems indeed that these two Counties cry to us as loudly as any part of our Mission Field for the help which ought to be given.

II.—Next, Cambridge and Douglas are two of our oldest Missions, but neither of them very strong in point of numbers or in respect of the wealth of their Church members. Cambridge, however, through the generosity of the late Samuel Scovil, has an endowment for one of its Churches, and it is hoped will be able before long to relieve the Church Society of any further grant. At present the grant is only \$160 to this Mission.

III.—Douglas may be said to be in a far weaker condition than it was twenty years ago, the best and strongest part of it having been set off under another name—viz., Bright. This old Mission then seems to need all the sympathy and help that the Church Society can give it.

IV.—Grand Falls, formerly a portion of the Mission of Andover, would seem from its position to form a good centre for Missionary operations; but for some years it will require the fostering care of the Church Society.

V.—Then Canterbury, perhaps less generally known than any field of labour in the Diocese, perhaps also less tempting to any aspiring labourer, ought not to be left to dwindle or perish. It has now been nearly twelve months vacant.

VI.—Aberdeen and Waterford, being new Missions set off from older ones, occupy the same kind of position in respect of help from D. C. S. In both Missions there is need of immediate hard work, with the bright prospect of good and speedy results. But both sorely need the helping hand of our Society.

VII.—Lastly, Point du Chene. It is hoped that before very long such arrangements will be made as will enable this Mission to receive the services of the Church.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BURY.—A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent by the friends and well-wishers of St. Paul's Church upon Thursday, the 15th June, at the Town Hall, Robinson. At 7 o'clock a goodly company sat down to a most inviting tea, to which ample justice was done. This very important part of the evening's entertainment was ably presided over by our kind and patient Churchwarden's wife, assisted by several ladies of St. Mary's Guild. After the tea an adjournment was made to the upper hall, where the Guild ladies offered for sale numerous valuable articles, evidences of their handiwork. A short but well-selected programme of music, recitations and reading was next gone through. We were pleased to notice that several of the old favourites were again upon the stage; a hearty encore was called for upon several occasions. The thanks of the Parsonage Building Committee are due to all those ladies who provided so many good edibles; to the ladies who contributed to the success of the concert; to the ladies of the Guild whose labours on behalf of the Church cannot be