

THE LATE BISHOP BINNEY, OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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BRIEFLY as possible we will try to show who and what manner of man it is that the Diocese of Nova Scotia and the Church at large now so deeply and deservedly mourn. Hibbert Binney was born in Sydney, Cape Breton, August 12th, 1819. His father, the Rev.

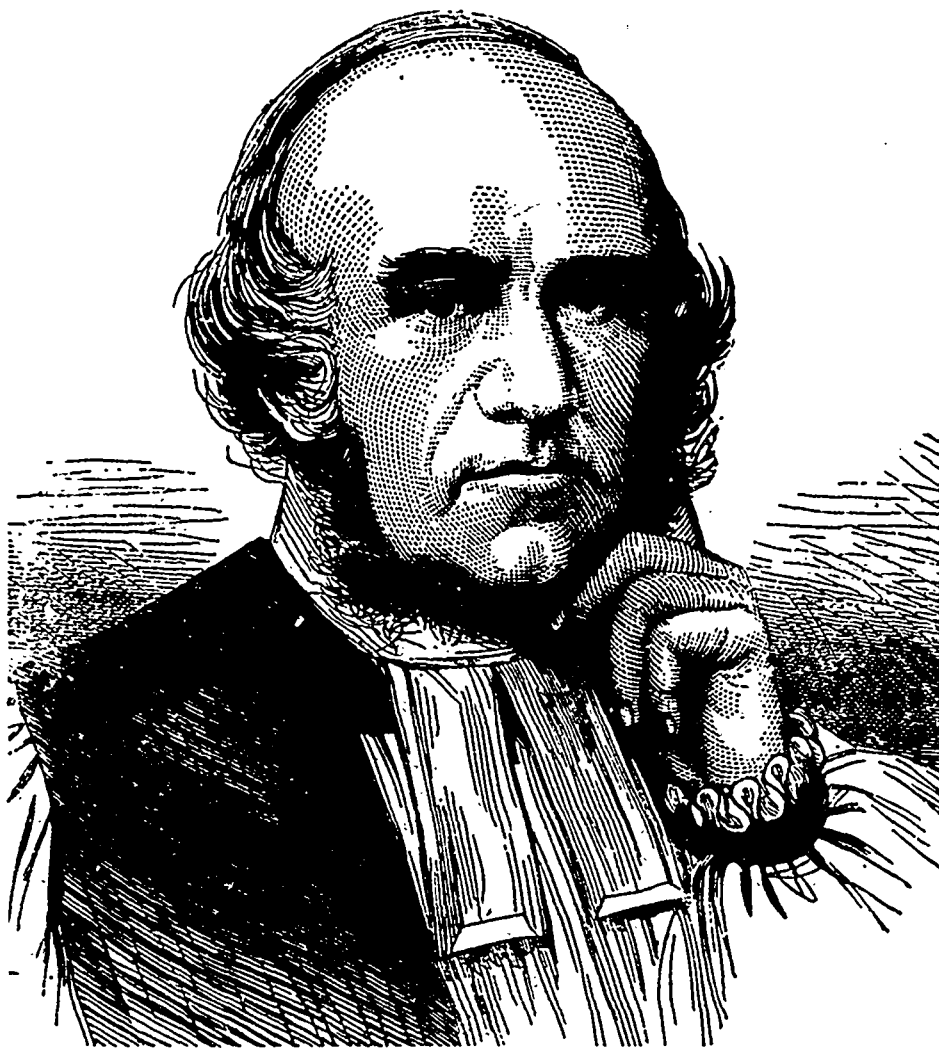
Dr. Binney, was Rector of that Parish, and removed with his family to England, where in 1838, he became Rector of Newbury in Berkshire. The future bishop was sent to King's College, London, and was afterwards entered at Worcester College, Oxford. He came out first-class in mathematics in 1842, took the degree of M.A. in 1844, gaining a fellowship and was appointed tutor of his college in 1846 and bursar in 1848. He was ordained deacon in 1842, and priest in 1843.

The family from which the future bishop sprang

came to Nova Scotia from Massachusetts early in the eighteenth century: Jonathan Binney from Hull, near Boston, and his father-in-law, Henry Newton, from Salem. Both these gentlemen became "Honorable,"—the former was chosen to the House of Assembly in 1761, and was raised to the Council in 1764; his eldest son was the Honorable Hibbert Newton Binney, collector of excise at Halifax, and a member of the Council. He married a daughter of Colonel Creighton, of Lunenburg, and their eldest son was the Rev. Dr. Binney, the father of the late bishop. Another son

was Mr. Edward Binney, collector of customs in Halifax, whose munificence to King's College (especially in the erection of the stone hall and chapel) and whose large offerings to the Church and to the poor, are not likely soon to be forgotten. The next brother of the Hon. Hibbert Newton Binney was Stephen, who married a grand-daughter of the Hon. Benjamin Green, a member of Council under Cornwallis, 1749. Their son was Mr. Newton Binney, of the Bank of British North America. One of their daughters married Captain Charles Hill, father of the Rev. Dr. G. W. Hill, the retired rector

of St. Paul's Church, Halifax. The bishop himself married Mary, daughter of the Hon. Wm. Blowers Bliss, first puisne judge of Nova Scotia, and for her the whole diocese now feels deepest sympathy in her sad and sudden widowhood. Their three surviving children are: Rev. Wm. Hibbert Binney, M.A., Oxon, vicar of Wilton, Cheshire; Miss Binney, and Mr. John Edward Binney, B.A., Oxon. The bishop has rejoined two of his dear children. His eldest daughter, who was married about five years ago to Capt. Belfield, died four years



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Fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia. Born Aug. 12th, 1819; died April 30th, 1887.

ago, on April 30th (the same date on which her father entered into rest), leaving a little girl, who has been a great source of comfort to the bishop during these last years of his life. His youngest daughter, Lucy, died 9th March, 1864, while only three years and four months old. It was a beautiful sight to see the bishop with his children while they were all yet young. His great heart seemed to contain love for *all* children, and all children loved the bishop.

When Bishop John Inglis died the Rev. Hibbert Binney was appointed by the British Crown to