

Rural Deaneries.

Chatham.

BATHURST.—It is hoped that a rector will be obtained for this Parish by Easter. The church has been closed since the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Street, last autumn. Through the energy of Samuel Williamson, Esq., the financial difficulties, under which the parish has so long labored, have been at last overcome. A Guild has been formed in connection with St. George's Church for the raising of funds to erect a Sunday School House.

CHATHAM.—Special Lenten Services are being held in St. Paul's Church, on Monday evenings, with an address by the Rector. There is also a Bible Class on the same evenings, before prayers. In St. Mary's Chapel morning and evening prayers are said daily, and the Litany is said on Wednesday and Friday mornings. There is a Bible Class on Wednesday evenings after the prayers, and an address on Friday evenings.

A very neatly printed leaflet containing a list of special services during Lent, has been circulated among the parishioners.

DERBY.—A very successful concert was held in this Parish, on March 8th, by members of St. Mary's choir and congregation, Chatham.

Frederickton.

A meeting of ladies of the Church was held in the Church Hall, Frederickton, on March 15th, to organize a society called the "Women's Aid Association for the Diocese of Frederickton." The objects of the Society are to awaken and deepen interest in the work of the Church in the Diocese, and to help on the work in every possible way, especially by prayer for a blessing upon it, and by raising funds for its furtherance. The officers of the Association are Mrs. Medley, President; Mrs. Maunsell, Vice-President; Mrs. A. F. Street and Miss Wilmot, Secretaries; Mrs. Campbell, Treasurer. Lady Tilley has kindly consented to act as Patroness of the Association. There are also a Managing Committee, and committees for finance, lectures and needle work. Any person may become a member of the Association by undertaking to pray, every Sunday, for the work of the Church in the Diocese, and by paying a subscription of forty cents a year. It is hoped that branches will be formed in the various

Parishes throughout the Diocese. In this case each branch will elect its own Vice-President, Secretaries, Treasurer and Committees, and conduct its own work, by its own rules, in subordination to the President of the Association. This new undertaking, to further the work of the Church, will commend itself to all Church people. There can be no doubt as to its success if all earnestly unite in asking God to bless and prosper it.

THE CATHEDRAL.—Sidesmen have been appointed in the Cathedral, for the purpose of receiving strangers and visitors, and providing them with seats. The seats have always been free in the Cathedral; but very often, from various causes, strangers and others have been at a loss to know whether the seats were really free or not. Hereafter there will be no doubt about it, every one will find a welcome in the Mother Church.

FREDERICTON.—The Rector of Frederickton is having a course of lectures on Friday evenings, in the Parish Church, on the Messages to the Seven Churches.

DOUGLAS HARBOUR.—This Mission is now vacant, the Missioner, Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, having been appointed Deacon-in-charge of the Mission of Richmond.

KINGSCLEAR.—Special Friday evening Lenten Services are being held in the Parish Church. The Bishop Coadjutor kindly preached at the first of these services an admirable sermon on repentance.

ST. MARY'S.—The Special Lenten Services in this Parish are on Thursday evenings. The preachers for the season are the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, the Bishop-Coadjutor, and several of the clergymen of the Deanery.

MAUGERVILLE.—The Parishioners lately gave an entertainment, the proceeds of which furnished a worthy and useful present, in the shape of a set of harness, for their esteemed Rector.

Kingston.

KINGSTON.—A very pleasing entertainment was held in the Agricultural Hall, Kingston, recently, which was crowded with visitors. The object was the raising of funds towards the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Rector of the Parish, Rev. Wm. E. Scovil. Tea