

ing which was tried in the parish of St. Mary's, Hoxton (of which the Rev. N. J. Dovereux is vicar), have proved very successful. The same course was adopted every Sunday evening throughout last Advent, and has been attended with a like result. The parish is one of the poorest and most densely populated. There is, in fact, no part of London in which the Church has had greater difficulties to contend with in her Mission than in this particular part of Hoxton. The choir of St. Mary's, vested in cassocks and surplices, and escorted by a band of Church workers carrying lamps, started forth each Sunday evening, always taking a fresh line of district, till the whole parish had been compassed. At certain fixed points a short address was delivered by the Missioner, and the singing was well sustained by the choir throughout. As the procession wended its way through the dark streets of the district the inhabitants of the houses appeared at the windows clad in the scantiest of clothing, whilst many came up from their dark cellars and down from their attics, thus forming as strange a congregation as could be described. Many followed the procession to the church doors and some accepted the invitation of the missioner and entered the church. The conduct of the people left nothing to be desired, and proved beyond all doubt that, whether they were Churchgoers or not, they had at least respect and regard for those who were ministering among them, whilst the clergy of St. Mary's have every reason to be encouraged by the reception they met with.

The following Jubilee verses, to be used as third and fourth, have been written for the National Anthem by Dean Plumtre, the translator of *Dante*:—

Seed sown through fifty years,  
Sown or in smiles or tears.

Grant her to reap:  
Her heritage of fame,  
Her pure and stainless name,  
Her people free from shame,  
Guard thou and keep.

O'er lands and waters wide  
Through changing time and tide,  
Hear when we call:

Where'er your English tongue  
To wind and wave hath rung,  
Sill be our anthem sung;  
God, save us all.

#### THE GUILD OF THE IRON CROSS.

This a Society of Christian men, who work for their living, and desire by the Grace of God to fight against the spread of intemperance, blasphemy and impurity; three vices most destructive to the peace and welfare of Society. The Guild was founded by workmen in 1883, and the first general Convention was held in Newark, N.J., on the Feast of St. Paul, 1886. The Guild has now now five Bishops as Honorable Chaplains, nearly one hundred Priest Associates, several flourishing branches in different States and about 1,500 members. All men are invited to join as Associates by signing the pledge of the Guild and giving it with address to one of the members at the close of the service.

*The Pledge.*—I pledge myself to resist the sin of intemperance, and will use my influence to prevent the commission of this sin by others. I pledge myself to resist the sin of blasphemy, to honor God's name, and bless my fellowmen.

I pledge myself to resist the sin of impurity in thought, word and deed, and to use my influence to draw others from evil talking and immoral living.

The annual convention of the Society was held in the city of New York on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, concluding with a

Festival Service at the Chapel of St. Augustine (Trinity Parish), East Houston street. The various surpliced choirs in the city were invited to assist, and 8 p.m. a long procession of choristers with crucifix standard-bearers and acolytes in attendance preceded a large number of clergy, who assisted in the services, and who were followed by the delegates of the Guild, each of whom wore a small iron Maltese cross, suspended round the neck by a red ribbon.

The processional hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers," and a short choral service followed and the hymns "Work for the night is coming," "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and "Jesus shall reign" were sung very heartily and impressively by the united choirs and the enormous congregation present. The Right Rev. Bishop Huntington preached an able sermon on "The Church and the labor world," which was listened to with rapt attention.

#### NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

##### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—A new officer of the Church Army has been added to the staff at St. Paul's, and work has been started in Trinity Church as headquarters of the Army. There are now three officers working in Halifax, two at St. Paul's and one at St. George's. The Rev. Dr. Hole is certainly making his influence felt among what was hitherto a neglected class of people.

DARTMOUTH.—*Christ Church.*—A very successful entertainment was held in the school room last Thursday, the credit of which is due to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Foster. The proceeds, amounting to about \$75, were for the Church.

##### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Paul's.*—A large meeting of this congregation was held in the school-room on Monday night, to take into consideration Mr. O'Meara's resignation as rector of the parish, when it was unanimously resolved to request him to reconsider his notice of resignation.

##### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

LADIES ASSOCIATION CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN.—We last week referred briefly to the Annual Meeting of the Association, but we willingly at the request of a member give this more extended notice to be read with the former summary.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the reports of the standing committees for the past year were presented.

The new members and finance committee, under Mrs. G. F. Smith, reported a membership of 201, and that all subscriptions for the year had been paid up but three.

The general hospital committee, under Mrs. Brigstocke, reported the hospital regularly visited every Friday by two ladies, who read and pray with the patients. On Christmas a keg of grapes was sent to the patients. Ladies also attend the Sunday services to aid in the singing.

The marine hospital committee, under Mrs. T. W. Daniel, reported the marine hospital regularly visited, and that at Christmas the patients were entertained as usual; a substantial tea, music and addresses.

The charitable and missionary aid committee, under Mrs. T. Walker, reported the collection of reading material for the hospitals; also, the preparing of an illustration of Zenana life for the Easter sale, and the printing of a leaflet on that mission.

The flower mission committee, under Miss Price, reported weekly visits made with flowers to the general hospital, from February up to the present time. Floral texts have been

given to each patient, and nineteen floral mottoes have been hung up in the wards.

The book committee, under Miss Murray, reported 90 volumes to the library, and a 10 cents collection made among the members to meet the expense of re-binding the books.

The fancy work committee also reported a very successful Easter sale, at which \$247.50 were raised for the purchase of books, the furnishing a new linoleum for the reading room, and the various stationery expenses of the association.

The refectory committee reported having made arrangements for a successful high tea and conversazione, at which a large number of members were present.

The committee of the Girls' Friendly Society, under Mrs. W. H. DeYeber, reported that a branch of this Society had been formed in the Institute on November 30; that it numbers now 47 members; 18 associates, and 6 honorary associates. A large, lighted room is open Tuesday evening for the members. Associate ladies attend regularly to teach any work the girls may wish to learn. There are also games, music and reading. Every alternate Tuesday a Bible class is held for one hour, conducted by Mrs. Brigstocke.

The committee of the Juliet Kerr branch of the Zenana Society, reported the incorporation of their branch with the Church of England Institute during the past year. The object of this Society is to aid in the education of the women of India. The Committee, on Emigration reported having formed a branch of the Church Emigration Society, and also of having written to the parent Society to send out 20 girls next spring.

##### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The report of the Diocesan Board of Missions for 1886, exhibits additional proof of the success of the system adopted twenty-five years ago in the Diocese of Quebec for carrying on Missionary work. Congregations have paid their assessments with increased regularity. Every Mission has a clergyman except Labrador, (vacant since July last). Notwithstanding a heavy reduction in the grant of the S.P.G. the Treasurer has a balance of nearly \$3,000 in hand. Evidence of the progress made, in spite of the material resources of the Diocese, the report shows that whilst in 1865 only \$2,981 had been received from assessments the amount is now nearly \$10,000. In the same year the S. P. G. grant to the Diocese was \$9,500—now is only \$5,319.72. Of the total revenue of the Board the S. P. G. grant now only constitutes a little over a fifth. Towards a special fund for new missions in the Eastern Townships \$1,082 have been subscribed annually for three years, and \$647.72 received as donations. The subscriptions to the Mission fund besides show a slight increase upon the amount contributed in 1885.

BARTZVILLE.—A pleasing incident occurred at a recent service here, when the Rev. Mr. Judge was presented with a nurse of money by Mrs. James Barter and Miss Alma Barter, the gift of neighbors and friends as an evidence of kindness and good will of the people towards him, and a proof of the deep interest taken in the service of the Church held here fortnightly.

RANBORO.—A new bell from the foundry of the well-known manufacturers, McShane & Co., Baltimore, (advertised in your paper) has recently been put into the tower here, and its clear sweet tones now sound over our hills and valleys. The bell has been a delight to all, and we feel that we are deeply indebted to Mr. Marshall Rand who took the lead in collecting for the bell, and to all other friends who aided him in contributing. The bell weighs 570 lbs. The ladies of this Church are to give a Social on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to which all are in-