

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg.—In our obituary notices is recorded the death of Mrs. H. L. Owen, widow of the late lamented Rector of this parish. The deceased lady was born in St. Andrew's, N.B., her father being the late Dr. Frye, a leading physician of that place. She was descended from the U. E. Loyalists. She leaves two children, several brothers and sisters, and numerous relatives in various parts of New Brunswick. We offer our respectful sympathy to the bereaved family.

FALMOUTH-HANTSPOET.—Mr. McCulloch, the Treasurer of the New Church Building fund wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$25 from the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, rector of Trinity Church, Boston, U.S. Other contributions are earnestly solicited from those who have the welfare of God's Church at heart.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—On Sunday evening the 13th, the Rev. James Simpson, M.A., was inducted into the incumbency of St. Peter's Church, in this city. The induction service was conducted by Rev. C. O'Meara, rector of St. Paul's. E. J. Hodgson, Esq., Q.C., read the Bishops' Mandate, and administered the oaths of loyalty to the Queen, and obedience to the Bishop in all things lawful. At the close of the service, the newly inducted minister briefly addressed the congregation on the responsibilities of his office, and urged them to the faithful performance of their Christian duties. The sermon by Rev. C. O'Meara was appropriate and impressive. There was a large and attentive congregation.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Sunday-school work in the city of St. John does not appear to progress as it might if tested by the number of scholars or average attendance during the past year; that is from Advent 1885 to 1886. According to the summary report of the Superintendent annexed to the Report of the Executive Committee of the C. of E. S. S. Teachers' Association for the Deanery of St. John, the total number of scholars for 1885, on the registers of Trinity, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. James', St. Mary's, St. Jude's and St. Luke's schools was 1,641; whilst in 1886 it only reached 1562, and the average attendance in '85 was 1,028, and in '86 957. In only one school was there an increase in the number of scholars, viz.: in St. Luke's—which advanced from 265 to 306. These figures should set Churchmen in St. John to thinking; and thinking should lead them to acting, and that earnestly, speedily and persistently, and that the record for Advent 1886-'87 may show a decided improvement. *It is due to the Church.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.—On Thursday 17th, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, attended and assisted by the Rev. Canon Anderson, the Chaplain also assisting, administered the Rite of Confirmation to seven of the inmates of the Penitentiary, as also to five members of the congregation. The Bishop's charge and sermon was exceedingly impressive, and were listened to with the most marked attention.

The Holy Communion was afterwards administered, when all the newly confirmed, together with two of the inmates and six others present, received the sacred elements from the hands of His Lordship and the Rev. Canon.

Lent was ushered in by special services held in the various Churches of the city and neighboring parishes, either in the morning or evening at the parish church. Service was held in

the morning and afternoon. Arrangements have also been made in several of the churches for special services during the week; but west-end laymen sadly need a service at an hour at which they would be able to attend. In St. James' daily service is held, but at 11 a.m., too late to be within the reach of men who have engagements in the city. What is needed is a short half-hour service in St. George's or the Cathedral at nine or a quarter to nine, with a brief, earnest, practical address.

HOUELAGA.—St. Mary's.—The special Lenten services, referred to in a late number of the GUARDIAN, were commenced on Ash-Wednesday evening, when the Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., delivered an earnest practical address. A part of the Communion Service was used in closing and the Litany of Penitence was sung kneeling. Earnestness and devotion were marked features of the service.

COTE ST. PAUL.—The Ash-Wednesday evening service at the Church of the Redeemer was well attended. It consisted of evening prayer and penitential hymns and a short address by the layman in charge. On Friday evening, the 4th instant, the Rev. Canon Norman will preach.

It is said that some at least of the numerous invitations to the Governor-General's ball were delivered on Sunday morning. It is hardly to be believed; if so, it must surely have been without the knowledge of the Governor or Lady Lansdowne.

The Montreal Diocesan Sunday-school Association held its first regular monthly meeting since the new year on the evening of the 21st ult., when the Rector of Montreal (the Rev. J. G. Norton, M.A.) read an able and interesting paper on "Confirmation," and Mr. H. J. Mudge delivered an address on "Superintendent's work." There was a good attendance. The next meeting takes place on the 21st inst., when a paper on "The Collects" will be read by Rev. L. N. Tucker, B.A., and an address be made by Mr. H. W. Buchanan on "The Responsibility of Teachers." It is much to be desired that the schools in the country parts would form themselves into branch associations or bring themselves in some way into connection with the Central Body. There is urgent need of much greater earnestness and zeal in carrying on the work of teaching the children of the Church.

PORTRAIT OF THE BISHOP.—The eminent Fine Art Publishers, Messrs. W. H. Baynon & Co., of Cheltenham, Eng., have issued a high class portrait *de luxe* of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. W. B. Bond, LL.D., drawn from a photograph. Judging from the rough copy which the publishers have kindly sent us, the work has been admirably done, and those who may be fortunate enough to be numbered amongst the subscribers therefor—and it was not intended to issue it for public sale—will obtain not only an excellent portrait, but a work of art. The cost of artist's first proof impression (30 in. by 22) with *fac simile* of autograph, engraved lettering and arms of See of Montreal was fixed at £1 11s 6d, and of India proof impression (25x20), with autograph, £1 1s.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—Meeting of White Cross Brotherhood.—A meeting of this Society was held in the school-room of St. John's Church, on Monday, the 14th February.

After routine business the President called upon Dr. Wicksteed to address the new members present. The Dr. counselled all the members to be ready to take part in the fortnightly discussions of the Society. Not to enable them merely to become proficient in the art of public speaking, or to appear in print; but to be use-

ful by the exercise of their judgment or relations of their experience, not only to themselves and their immediate neighbours, but to utter strangers in their own and foreign countries. For by means of the Church papers their words would go far and wide. He drew attention to the new moral Society organized in 1883 in the United States, and styled the Guild of the Iron Cross. The members were pledged to fight against the spread of impurity, intemperance and infidelity; the three vices most destructive to the peace and welfare of the community. Most of those belonging to the Ottawa White Cross Guild had bound themselves to other societies, which separately attempted to do the work done by this one Society, viz.: the Iron Cross Guild. He wished the members to reflect upon the advisability of establishing in this city a branch of the army of the Iron Cross.

The Rev. Mr. Serson, of Tamworth, then spoke. He was glad to be among those who had thus banded together for furthering the cause of Christ. He thought it a wise plan to combine three societies in an Iron Cross Guild. He objected to the multiplication of societies, and he knew that Bishop Lewis had the same objection. He wished the meeting God speed.

The Rev. Mr. Hanington explained the objects of the society and declared the plan of of campaign. He stated that he had received an invitation to visit another place and establish a branch. He had also corresponded with other persons on the same subject.

Mr. W. G. Lampey said that he felt proud in being one of the oldest members of the Guild. He had exerted himself much in the direction of bringing recruits into the Society. He found that the presence of one of its members in mixed company curbed the tendency to evil speech. To protect the weaker sex ought to be the proud duty of every man. It was a comfort to think that when we were dead our work will go on and will survive us, though we may be forgotten otherwise. We, as subjects of the Empire, ought never to forget that there is a White-cross on the Union Jack, or "Old Glory" as it was affectionately called by the red coats and blue jackets. We ought never to be satisfied until the principles of the White Cross Brotherhood were pushed forward and advanced with and beyond the British Ensign, and had eventually put all nations under its moral sway. He hoped that all present would, at the judgment day, be found worthy to be enrolled under the banner of Christ.

Dr. Wicksteed stated that he had written to five Canadian Universities proposing that they should give annual lectures on the three evils he had previously spoken of. He hoped that in a few years physiology would be taught in all schools to all scholars. The whole of the method adopted by society in dealing with the sex instinct is fatally wrong. He demanded that woman should have equal educational advantages; should be educated in the same schools and colleges with men; that from infancy to adult age the two should be trained side by side.

Mr. Ketchum spoke on the evils of coarse jesting and impure conversation. It was the duty of all the members to urge others to give up the practice.

Mr. Magee read a letter from one of the members to a daily city newspaper, finding fault with the horse play indulged in when tobogganing. The Guild then adjourned until the 28th instant.

WOLFE ISLAND.—A number of the members of Trinity Church here, met in the Rectory on Wednesday evening, the 16th ult., to read an address and present a purse to Mrs. Christie for the purchase of a gold watch and chain as a mark of their appreciation of her kindness in acting as organist. The address was read by Mr. G. Wills. Mrs. Christie replied, thanking Mr. Kitts and Mr. Friend and all the subscribers for their kind present, not only on account of its value, but also for such an expression of