

times. We need now five earnest good Churchmen for the work in this part of the Diocese.

SHAWVILLE.—The parishioners have presented the Rev. W. H. Naylor, their esteemed Incumbent and the energetic Rural Dean of Clarendon with a set of double harness.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—On Thursday evening, April 23rd, the Rev. J. G. Norton, of Montreal, gave a public lecture to men only, in Victoria Hall, Brockville, on the "History and Principles of the Bishop of Durham's White Cross Society." There was a large audience present. Dr. Jackson, president of the Brockville branch, occupied the chair, and after a hymn and prayer by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, briefly introduced the lecturer.

The lecturer said his subject was a difficult one to deal with in such a way as to do good without suggesting thoughts of evil. He gave a sketch of the history of the White Cross movement. About twelve years ago he had been appointed to the incumbency of St. Giles, Durham, and was ex-officio secretary of a refuge. He did not at first relish this work as it brought him into contact with a low class of females, but he soon found out that many of the inmates had much that was noble in their character and he resolved to do what he could for them. He noticed one day in a paper an account of a home for the lost, established in the south of England by Miss Ellice Hopkins and he wrote to her with reference to it. She willingly came and worked up a similar scheme in the diocese of Durham. He organized a society among the men to encourage a proper respect for the other sex and when it became necessary to select a name it was determined to call it the White Cross army or society, because acting under the cross of Christ, the symbol of purity. It was organized on the spur of the moment, but during the first twelve months branches were organized in about seventy-five places in the United Kingdom and in Switzerland and several places in America. When he came to Montreal about a year ago, he determined to give up his whole attention for the first year to the work of his parish. He was now, however, prepared to accept invitations to speak upon the movement and help it forward, and this was the first of such invitations which he had responded to.

He then took up the different pledges of the society which are as follows:—

With the help of God I pledge myself

1. To treat all women with respect, and endeavour to protect them from wrong and degradation.
2. To endeavour to put down all indecent language and coarse jests.
3. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.
4. To endeavour to spread these principles among my companions, and try to help my younger brothers.
5. To use every possible means to fulfil the command "Keep thyself pure."

With reference to the first he referred to the opposition and encouragement the movement had met with and urged with all his eloquence a proper reverence for woman, who was more of an angel than anything else on earth.

With reference to the second pledge he told of a large establishment where there were a thousand hands employed and in which a great deal of bad language was used. A little book which got into the hands of some of the employees led three or four of them to give up and discourage its use, and the movement spread till the coarse jesting died out completely in a few weeks.

With reference to the 4th pledge he referred to to the fearful extent to which the evil against which it is intended to guard prevails in the schools and colleges in England and warned his hearers against the first offence. He pointed out the evil physical effects of a transgression of the laws of purity, and instanced the Jews, and also the Gipsy races, as being wrong physically on account of their strict care, no matter what other offences they might be guilty of, not to transgress the law of purity.

In conclusion he urged the principles of the White Cross upon them and wished every prosperity to the branch which had been established in Brockville.

Much enthusiasm was shown during the meeting the men rising in a body to take each pledge, as it was put to them.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer. Pledge cards and pamphlets were distributed among the audience. The Society has on hand a large number of White Cross tracts, which will be sent, on application to the secretary, Mr. H. R. Fairclough, to any address, at cost price, *i. e.* by the dozen 21c., or single copies 2c.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(We regret that the following items from our Correspondent for Toronto, reached us too late for the GUARDIAN of 29th April.—ED.)

BEAVERTON.—*St. Paul's.*—The Rev. G. Love, Incumbent, is delivering a series of lectures here on Sunday evenings, entitled "Popular Modern Conversion neither the Doctrine of the New Testament, nor of the Church of England." He delivered the fourth of the series, on Sunday last, to a large and interested congregation.

OBITUARY.—We regret that by an oversight the death of the Rev. Canon Ritchie, which recently occurred, was not chronicled in the columns of the GUARDIAN. The deceased gentleman was, we believe, the oldest clergyman in the Diocese, at the time of his demise, having reached the ripe age of 86 years. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1799, and was a graduate of Edinburgh University. He was ordained in the Church of Scotland, and was a Presbyterian minister, was sent to Demerara, from whence he came to Canada in 1839, and was stationed near Newmarket. Shortly after this he joined the Church of England and was ordained by the late Bishop Strachan. His first appointment was Sandwich, and his last, Georgina, which parish he resigned in 1879. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and was Chaplain of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, at the time of his death.

Mr. Ritchie married, in 1835, Anne, daughter of Colonel Sibbald, of Clindon Hall, Roxburghshire, who still survives him. Of their once large family the following remain:—D. W. Ritchie, Superintendent Bengal Police, India; T. S. Ritchie, of Tangerine, Fla.; Hugo S. Ritchie, of Napa Co., Cal.; Mrs. Kobt. Beaven, of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. R. M. Anderson and Mrs. Tremayne of Sutton.

Mr. Ritchie was buried on Tuesday, 24th March, at St. George's Church, on the Lake Shore (the Sibbald Memorial Church), and was followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. The death of the kindly old Christian gentleman is deplored by all, and it will be long indeed before the remembrance of him will fade from those among whom he lived and "labored in the Lord" for so many long, faithful years.

LINDSAY.—A Band of Hope was recently organized in connection with St. Paul's Church, here. About 60 young people joined at the first meeting. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haselle and Mr. Porteous are taking an active part in the work of organization.

TORONTO.—*Church of the Ascension.*—This church has been recently renovated and improved, and was re-opened on the 19th ult. Canon Dumoulin preached at the morning service, and the Bishop of Huron in the evening. The interior has been much beautified, under the direction of Mr. F. Darling, the painter being Mr. R. J. Hovenden. The ceiling is tinted a bluish green, and is slightly broken by irregularly placed stars. A dado about eight feet high, painted in oil colors, runs completely round the church, above which all the work is in distemper. The walls generally, of nave and aisles, are in strong color, the ornamentation being confined to friezes, borders, arches and soffits of window-openings, and to the arches of naves, arcade.

Both in ornament and color the decoration increases in richness as the end of the church is approached, culminating in the chancel—the walls and ceiling of which are somewhat elaborate. Perhaps the most striking feature is the treatment of the face of the chancel-arch, which we believe has been designed to increase the dignity and importance of that portion of the edifice. The general effect of the decorations certainly has given to the building an appearance of decreased width and greater height—qualities which it previously lacked, and the whole interior looks warmer and more attractive.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of this society was a great success. It was held in the School-room of Holy Trinity Church, the chair being taken by the Rector, Rev. John Pearson. The lesson was taught by Rev. A. Williams, and an address was given by Canon Dumoulin on "Order and Discipline in Sunday-schools." He pointed out that our Lord in His teaching from the ship (Matt. xiii 2), in the feeding of the 5,000, and the raising of Jairus' daughter, insisted on order and decorum, and that St. Paul, in 1 Cor. xi. and xiv. gave minute directions respecting order in the Church. He then spoke of the disadvantage of noise and disorder in the Sunday-school and recommended as a remedy: (1) occasionally striking the bell, when every teacher and scholar should remain quiet for a time, and; (2), occasionally singing a hymn, which would form a new starting point, as noise always increases as it is allowed to go on. As a remedy for misconduct, if after two or three personal interviews out of school the scholar proved incorrigible, the superintendent should be taken into the teacher's confidence, and unless a change of class caused some improvement, the scholar should be dismissed from the school. An open discussion followed this paper, during which Mr. G. A. Mackenzie stated that since the introduction of a cornet into the school, the scholars were only too glad to remain during the singing of the closing hymn. Mr. W. A. Brown recommended that before a boy be expelled from school the co-operation of his parents be sought. Rev. Alex. Williams, Rev. Dyson Hague, Mr. R. Armstrong, and Mr. Bridgman Simpson also took part in the discussion. On a vote being taken, it was decided to continue the discussion on order and discipline at the next meeting in the Church of the Redeemer, on May 21st. This discussion will be followed by a paper by Miss Turner on "The Teaching and Management of the Infant Class."

TORONTO.—*St. George's Day.*—The members of the St. George's Society, Toronto, and the city lodges of the Sons of England, numbering in all, about 700 persons attended Divine service at the Cathedral on the 19th inst. Provost Body, Dr. Scadding, Canon Dumoulin, and the Rev. A. Williams took part in the service. The sermon, an able and eloquent one was delivered by Professor Clark, of Trinity College, from St. Matthew v. 7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

Some of the late parishioners of the Revs. R. S. Radcliffe and C. G. Snepp at Penetanguishene, most kindly furnished the means for providing St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, with a suitable and beautiful offertory basin of burnished brass. The basin is 12 inches in diameter with an appropriate text on the broad rim of it. The names of the donors are as follows:—Mr. W. P. Band, Mrs. Moodie, Mayor Keating, Mr. J. T. Crawford, Mr. Wm. Hoar.

A few of the members of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, sent the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, of Maberly, an Easter present in the shape of six handsome banners, with texts on them, for one of his Mission Churches. The Rev. gentleman was much pleased with the beautiful and useful remembrance.

The season of Lent has been well observed in the town church this year, and the congregations have been good. A nine days mission took place about the middle of that sacred season and, had a