

TEN THOUSAND KING'S DAUGHTERS

Who are these royal daughters of the King? What is their mission? What is the significance of the silver symbol they wear and the potency of the mystic motto, "In His Name"? In January, 1886, a circle of ten ladies adopting the system of Edward E. Hale's "Ten Times One" clubs constituted themselves a "central ten," around which should crystalize other tens or workers, not assuming any authority or responsibility over them, but simply to form a nucleus around which they might cluster, and from which might radiate encouragement, advice, and guidance. The name "King's Daughters" was taken, a small silver cross tied with royal color was adopted, the simple watch word "In His Name" was chosen. The mottoes of action selected were: "Look forward and not back," "Look out and not in," "Look up and not down," "Lend a hand." The society had no constitution, no code of laws save the one general regulation that whenever any reasonable request should be made "In His Name," it should be granted without question or delay. Since the immense growth of the order it has been deemed expedient to constitute the central ten an executive committee, or advisory board, with Mrs. Bettome as president. It was also decided as the Society increased that the formation of bands of tens was impracticable, and that a "ten" might comprise as many members as was deemed advisable by its leader. Never was less said or written, and never so few plans made for any work, as the design of the Society was to move silently and steadily, and to secretly accomplish its purpose of bridging the chasm between the rich and the poor, and to unite all women engaged in any kind of good work in such a way as to secure each the sympathy and co-operation of all. Yet from almost every State in the Union, and from the most remote countries over the sea—India, Australia, and New Zealand—from people in every walk of life, from pastors of churches, matrons of hospitals, teachers of schools, leaders of philanthropic societies, presidents of colleges, from the belles of Fifth avenue and the street gamins of the Bowery, come tidings of the continual organization of tens upon tens of King's Daughters, until 8,600 silver crosses have been sold, and 10,000 members have enrolled their names among the King's Daughters, although the Society has been organized only two years. In January of this year a branch organization was established, known as the King's Sons, and through their efforts already a missionary chapel has been built in the city of Baltimore, whose rector is to be supported entirely by the King's Sons. The work accomplished by this remarkable sisterhood is too varied and extensive to be recorded in detail. There are tens that visit the sick, tens that supply hospitals and homes with flowers, tens that support foreign missionaries, tens that sing, and tens that sew, tens that endow beds in hospitals, tens that provide pleasant country homes for deserving poor, and tens that simply "bridle their tongue" and "endeavor to live in love and charity with all men"; all, "In His Name." The cash girls in Macy's are known as "the little doorkeepers," whose unique motto is "Lord keep thou the door of my mouth;" and there are heartsease tens of little children who cultivate pansies for the hospitals. There are the quiet tens in schools, and the courteous tens, who claim that "King's Daughters should ever display the manners of the court;" the old maids' tens of helpful unappropriated blessing, and the old ladies' tens, whose youngest member is more than eighty years old, and whose oldest member donned the silver cross on her one hundredth birthday; the faithful tens, in guilds, the look-up tens, in deaf mutes' homes, and even in the Home for Incurables the pati-

ents waiting for death have organized themselves into a considerate ten, who shall endeavor to make their nurses' labors as light as possible. One of the young ladies' tens in Boston sent loads of sand to the tenement yards in the city for poor children to play in, and the graduating class of a fashionable boarding-school calling themselves the continuing ten have adopted a little girl, and intend to provide for her and give her all the advantages of culture and education which they have received. Musical tens of the most cultured and gifted ladies in the city devote their talent to the entertainment of the poor, and also, through their use in charitable concerts, accumulate funds for the support of various missions, thus bringing into use the talent of the wealthy for the benefit of the poor.—*New York Sun.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PETITE RIVIERE.—*St. Michael's Parish.*—But few outside of this parish are aware of the vast amount of work which is being done in it for Christ's Church. Although it is not a large parish, and dissent has been strong and influential, yet the Rector, Rev. James Spencer, has seven stations, including the parish church, at all of which he regularly officiates, and keeps up good congregations. He has further shown his laudable desire to augment parochial work by procuring the assistance of a Lay-reader for the summer months. In this capacity Mr. Stanley Symonds, a divinity student of King's College, Windsor, is acting during the long vacation. By the united efforts of the Rector and Lay-reader the people of the parish are enabled to enjoy the advantages of five church services every Sunday, while six Sunday schools are regularly and constantly maintained. Five of the Sunday schools have been organized for some time past, but the sixth, at Vogler's Cove, has been started quite recently and there are good hopes of its future success. This is certainly a great deal of Sunday work for a small country parish.

The improvement and vigor of parish life, since the advent of the present incumbent in 1884, is manifested on all sides in a very material manner. A pretty and artistic little church well finished in every respect, has taken the place of the tumble down old building that served for a parish church five years ago. A small but neat and compact church has been erected on the La Have Islands, which is one of the most difficult of the Rector's stations in the winter season. And at New Italy is another new church building, which, when completed, both for its solidity and neatness will be a credit to the parish.

Being keenly alive to the prominent and important part, which music plays in the church's services, the Rector has spared no time and labor in bringing his choirs to a state of efficiency, and the result is, that when the great festivals come round, they are enabled to render our beautiful Liturgy and Eucharistic office in a manner worthy of choirs of larger size and pretensions.

In addition to the other improvements mentioned, the Rectory also is undergoing a thorough renovation, several well needed repairs being done, besides many additions made. This is quite an old building, and has been sadly neglected in the past. But when the colds of winter come, the Rector will no doubt find and appreciate a change in the comfort of his dwelling. He has laboured well for his parish during the past five years, never letting slip an occasion to advance the good and position of our Holy Mother, The Church; and in his various duties of organizing, exhorting, rebuking, &c., he has shown himself an efficient parish priest.

It is intended (D.V.) to hold a Harvest Thanksgiving, in the unfinished church at

Italy, late in September. There will be a silver collection which will go to the building fund. The regular choir of the place, assisted by that of the parish church, is holding frequent practices for this event, under the direction of the Rector, with the Lay-reader as organist.

And thus, at an early date, by the help of God, the people of Italy will be enabled to meet together for public worship, in a building consecrated to His blessed service, and for the maintenance and propagation of "the Faith once delivered to the Saints."

PORT MULGRAVE.—*St. Andrew's.*—A very beautiful new altar has been placed in the above church, designed by Mr. Mark Wright, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The wood work of solid ash, beautifully polished with three panels, each of which is carved in the centre. There is also attached to it a super altar of the same wood, which at present lacks its required furniture. Perhaps some one of the many readers of your valuable paper would like to provide the necessary articles which would greatly add to its beauty.

The cost of the altar was entirely provided by the people of this part of the parish, viz: \$25. This fact shows that they take an interest in the work, and are anxious to beautify the Sanctuary of God. We sincerely hope that some kind friend will help us in the furnishing of the altar, and we are sure they will never lose their reward.

The bell which has been hanging in the tower of the above for many years, and the sound of it never heard, has been taken from its original position, and erected in the churchyard, and now, we are pleased to say, it can be heard for every service.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—The principal item of news from this Mission concerns the repainting and decoration of St. Andrew's Church. It is with very grateful heart that we are able to report this work, as being now finished. The little Church—a gem in many ways among the Church buildings of the diocese—has for many years been in sad need of the painters brush. When the present Rector—Rev. J. H. S. Sweet—took charge of the parish some eight years ago, there was a heavy debt of over \$1000 on the Church property. This naturally and properly claimed his first attention; and it took three or four years before this incumbrance was entirely removed.

Next the tumble-down fences around the Church and school-house lot were replaced by a neat and substantial iron fencing, and consequently with other smaller matters claiming attention, it has not been till the last month that the painting of the Church could be attended to. It has now been thoroughly renovated on the inside. Special attention has been paid to the Church. The different divisions of the roof have been painted celestial blue, relieved by various ecclesiastical emblems in gold and red, and looks remarkably well. Over the handsome East Window,—on a Maroon foundation has been painted in white and gold, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts" on either side of the window,—on a scroll entwining a cross, are the words, "My Flesh is meat indeed," "My Blood is drink indeed." Along the North and South walls respectively, just below the roof, are the words, "Ye shall reverence My Sanctuary," "Strength and Beauty are in His Sanctuary." On the Vestry door are the words, "Let Thy Priests be clothed with Righteousness," and over the church door, "Behold I stand at the Door and knock."

The following text has been painted over the Church Archway, "I have chosen and Sanctified this House, that My Name may be there for ever." Over the entrance doorway are the words, "This is the House of God," "This is the Gate of Heaven."