

silence could be imposed on some people—not on old folk at their meals, but upon those who make absurd yet prejudicial misstatements. If the minds of any are still disturbed by reports or misapprehensions, they are advised to speak to the Rector, and not allow a good work to be prejudiced by "what the people say." There is one thing the Rector cannot do. He cannot interfere with the lawful liberty which Sisters claim in common with their fellow Christians. We all claim to dress, and live, and worship as we think right. But there are some who would resent any interference with their own liberty on these points, yet deny the same liberty to Sisters. St. Paul speaks very sharply of such people. Still will they find fault with the Sisters' dress, just as they would have found fault with John the Baptist with his raiment of camel's hair and leathern girdle.

Happily for all, our Lord takes no account of our narrow human prejudices. He owned the forerunner, and there are abundant proofs that He owns and blesses the Sisters' work. No doubt reform in dress is very much needed; let good people begin by reforming that which is really objectionable, such dress or undress, in the ball-room for instance, as the eyes of Christ would abhor to look upon.

It is miserable work, this criticism of Christian women, who have given up everything for Christ and His poor, by those who for the most part give up nothing, and do next to nothing for Him.

Do the objectors know any ladies in the Church of England, outside the Sisterhood, who are willing, like their Divine Master, to devote themselves and all their powers to doing good without fee or reward?

Are the objectors willing to set the example of doing the same thing in some way that no one can object to? If not, what right have they to criticise or find fault? Or where is the good of it?

THE WHITE CROSS ARMY.

In the last issue of the *Parish Journal* attention was called to the White Cross Army and its object, as also to the necessity for organizing an active Branch in S. George's Parish.

A Meeting was held under the auspices of the Toronto Branch of the Army, in the School Room of S. George's Church, on the evening of February 3rd, at which between two and three hundred men listened with attention to an address by Mrs. Bradley, on the White Cross movement.

The Lecturer, who has been actively engaged for a number of years in the work of reform among all classes of society, treated the subject in a most able manner, thoroughly convincing all present with the urgency of the necessity for more activity in the suppression of immoralities prevalent in our midst, and which from long continuance have come to be regarded as a necessary adjunct to society, and something which must not be interfered with.

The immediate result of Mrs. Bradley's appeal was the enrolment of nearly one hundred members from those present, and the formation of the, S. George's White Cross Society, with the following Officers:

President—C. R. W. Biggar; Vice-President—Dr. G. Herbert Burnham; Council—John R. Cartwright, Barlow Cumberland, F. F. Payne, H. Winsor, and R. B. Street; Secretary—Walter S. Andrews; Treasurer—Herbert Parsons.

Several Meetings have since been held for the purpose of organizing and discussing the best method to be adopted by the Society in the prosecution of its work.

The Council hope to be able to forward the movement by a series of addresses to be given during the winter season.

It is to be understood that the Society is not to be limited to Members of S. George's Church, but that all who take an interest in raising the standard of morality among men are invited to co-operate in the work.

The Meetings of the Society are public, and will be announced from time to time.

We bespeak for the cause the support of all thinking people, for as a natural consequence of such a movement, the greater the numbers of active members, the sooner will it become, as it should, a power in the land.

From a letter of the Bishop of Algoma in the *Dominion Churchman* of 10th Feb. we learn: "At Magnetawan, St. George's Church has been improved by the erection of a very neat tower, of a design furnished gratuitously by Mr. Helliwell, one of our Toronto architects, and a bell mounted weighing upwards of 400 lbs. The Church has also been partially clapboarded, and lumber enough secured to complete the work." St. George's, as many of our readers will recollect, helped to a considerable extent in the erection and furnishing of the above church, which was named accordingly. We are glad to hear of its progress.