

## St. Andrew's Brotherhood

The annual meeting of the Cathedral Chapter, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be held in the Chapel on Monday Evening, December 4th, at 8.30 p. m. All the members are particularly requested to be present; a cordial invitation is also extended to all men of the congregation who take an interest in the work of the Brotherhood.

The Local Council of the Brotherhood will hold their annual business meeting on Tuesday Evening, December 5th, in the School House of St. George's Church at 8 p. m. One of the members of the Cathedral Chapter (Mr. C. H. Clarke) has been nominated for the Council for the coming year, it behoves the members of St. Alban's Chapter to turn out in large enough force to make his election a certainty. Please men remember that in this, as in all things, each man has a responsibility resting on himself. The success of the whole Brotherhood, depends entirely in the faithful work, and unceasing prayer, of *each individual member* of the order.

It is always an inspiring thing to find men in high public positions, taking a lively interest in the work of the Church. In England the Brotherhood has many representative men serving on its Council, and in the United States the Brotherhood is greatly strengthened by the advice and assistance of men who have much influence in the world. At a recent convention of the Brotherhood held in Columbus, Ohio, an address of welcome was given by His Excellency, the Governor of Ohio, who spoke "not only as the State's Executive, but also as a fellow Churchman," he welcomed the delegates as "Soldiers of the Captain, whose battle cry is 'Peace and Good Will among men'—Later on, the Hon. W. J. Diehl, Mayor of Pittsburg *and a member of the Brotherhood*, speaking of the World's need being the Brotherhood of Christ, said:

"The best type of humanity is the true Christian gentleman. The one whose ever present model in the affairs of life is Christ, and who, therefore, goes about quietly doing what good he can at all times and in all places. Such a man proves by his relations with his fellows that for him the Brotherhood of Christ is a living fact. There is more of the Brotherhood of Christ in the world to-day than ever before, yet more of it is needed. As Brotherhood men we can best do our part in helping humanity toward God by exemplifying in our lives a Christ-like ideal of human conduct. If we wish to influence others to better living, we must endeavor to live up to the example set us by our Lord. We must use constant and persistent, not spasmodic efforts. We must make right living and right thinking the dominant principles of our daily life. To win others we must manifest sympathy for them, interest ourselves in their affairs, share with them whatever may have helped us. Thus we may the more forcible and readily demonstrate to others what it means to be a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews.

## Woman's Auxiliary

It will be seen on reference to the first page of these "Notes" that the weekly meetings are now held on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday as in former years; this change being made to suit the convenience of the St. Alban's Cathedral School.

Perhaps at no time in its history has this Branch met under such discouraging circumstances as at their first meeting this year. Deprived by unforeseen circumstances of two of its most active and influential officers, and of several valuable workers, it appeared as if it would be difficult to accomplish much during this season, and some of the more timorous ladies were almost afraid to think of attempting anything, for fear of failure.

When however the members really came together and talked matters over, they were surprised to find how many energetic people there were, who were willing to take up the work that has done so much to infuse new vitality into the Church of England; and when we add that several ladies who have hitherto held aloof from the meetings, came forward and expressed a willingness to help, it is no wonder that all the ladies present began to feel in full accord with that line of the well-known hymn that runs, "And hearts were brave again," and in this spirit set about the preliminary arrangements for their seasons work.

We believe it has been decided to devote this winter's efforts to supplying the most pressing wants of one of the missions in our own diocese; the feeling among the ladies being that it was eminently proper for St. Alban's Cathedral Branch to expend their energies in assisting at least one of the struggling missions that are to be found in the out-lying portions of this diocese. In addition to this their principal work, the Woman's Auxiliary also undertake the house to house collections for the "Parochial Mission" fund; this important business was formerly done by ladies who could be induced to undertake it, in the different parishes; and in some parishes was entirely neglected. So that taking the diocese as a whole, the collections for this important fund were made irregularly, and with a want of system that was detrimental to the best interests of the Church.

Now, however, this work is performed at stated intervals, and is regularly accounted for, as a part of the ordinary duties of the members of the different branches of this flourishing organization; and with the result that a gratifying increase in this fund has taken place, since the matter has been placed in the hands of these faithful churchwomen.

The late Vice-president of St. Alban's Branch has with her accustomed liberality invited the Woman's Auxiliary to hold their next semi-annual meeting at her new home, Uxbridge; and it is hoped that this generous offer will meet with a general acceptance by the different branches, so that the hearts of our late Priest-vicar and his wife may be made glad by the knowledge that their earnest endeavors to promote the prosperity of this society are duly appreciated.