

Parochial Organizations.

WOMEN'S CHAPTER.

President, Mrs. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs. Beatty; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Lawrence; Secretary, Mrs. Irvine. No. of members, 31. Regular meeting first Monday in the month.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

President Mrs. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs. Lawrence; Treasurer, Mrs. Burton; Recording Secretary, Miss Hay; Corresponding-Secretary, Miss Wade. Members of the Local Board of Management, Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Buckingham. No. of Members, 27.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

President, the Rector; Lay Director, Mr. James Makins; Secretary, Mr. A. McMullen; Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Copus; Chairman of Reception Committee, Mr. Alf. Johnson. Time of meeting, every Monday at 8 p.m.

DISTRICT VISITORS.

President, Mrs. Beatty; Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Smith. Regular meeting last Thursday in the month.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD.

President, Miss Spencer; Vice-President, Miss Carpenter; Secretary, Miss E. M. Smith; Treasurer, Miss McWhinney. Executive Committee, Misses Burritt, Spencer and Fuller. Time and place of meeting, every Monday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock p.m.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

No. of Members, 43. Leader, Mrs. Mooney. Time of meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Lady Managers:—Miss Steet and Mrs. Moore; President, Annie Neild; Vice-President, Winnie Ridge-dale; Secretary, Hester Young; Treasurer, Nora Maynard. Number of members, 40. Regular meeting every Monday at 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

Teacher and Bible Class, Rev. D. Williams; Drill Inspector, H. W. Copus. Regular day of meeting, Friday, 7 p.m. No. of Members, 38.

Parish Register.

MARRIAGES.

Houghton—Westwood—Nov. 6th, William Houghton and Sarah Westwood, both of this city.

BURIALS.

Nov. 1st—Mark Wade, in Avondale Cemetery.

Nov. 5th—Martha Chowen, in Avondale Cemetery.

Nov. 10th—Thomas Headley, in Avondale Cemetery.

Nov. 23rd—Thomas R. Commander, of Toledo, in Avondale Cemetery.

A Word to the Older Men.

On reviewing the various agencies for church work in this parish we are struck very painfully with one feature—the almost complete absence from among them of the middle-aged and older men. With the exception of one or two in the Sunday school, and one or two in the choir, these, who ought to be the pillars of the church and examples to the young of devotion to the Master's service, are entirely absent. The church wardens are comparatively young men, the male teachers in the Sunday school are all young men; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is all made up of young men; and these do all the work that is done by the men in St. James' church. Where are the older men? As Isaiah long ago said to the Egyptians, "Their strength is to sit still!" They are very strong in sitting still—none stronger than they! But it is not by such strength that the cause of Christ has been in any age, is now, or ever will be advanced, but by active participation in it—by doing something, not by sitting still and letting other. The young men and the women, do the work. It is an entirely false conception of the work of Christ for men to think that when they have paid their pew-rents and given to special collections, or when once they have filled the office of warden, their work is finished. Never will any church thrive as it ought to thrive until the men have realized that they are largely responsible for bringing people to church, for giving a proper welcome to them when they do come, for enlisting their support and sympathy in all the works of the church, financial, philanthropic and missionary. It is nonsense for our middle-aged men to say that they have no time. It is indolent Christians alone who cannot find time to do anything for Christ. We could name off-hand half-a-dozen business men belonging to other religious bodies—apparently also the busiest business men in this city—who have ample time to do this work in their bodies, and do it well and heartily. But our men prefer to sit still, with the inevitable result that it is always a struggle to make both ends meet financially, that the collections for outside purposes are shamefully small, that strangers and new comers find no welcome or scope for work and no enlistment of their sympathies with the church. If new families come into the parish, absolutely no effort will be made to enlist their support. If they come of themselves and ask for a pew, well and good; but no one will go and interview and welcome them. The district visitors will of course do so; but we want the men to welcome the men as well. We would therefore propose as a remedy for this and as a sphere of work for the older men the formation of a board from among the men—three or four or more for each ward—whose work would be to visit the men, to talk over with them questions affecting the welfare of the church, financially and otherwise, welcome new-comers and obtain their practical help. To do this work properly we want men of age and standing in the congregation. Unfortunately we cannot as yet find men of experience in the work; but that defect would very soon be remedied when once the work was begun. Here is a sphere of work for the middle-aged and older men—a sphere indeed where only middle-aged and older men can do the work and where the work must be left undone or done ineffectively if they do not rise to it. At any rate these men must do something for their existence—If they are live Christians, anxious for the welfare of the church. We have had too much "sitting still." If the parish has thriven at all, it has thriven hitherto not with the help, but almost in spite of the men who ought to be active workers in it. The men may expect to hear again of this before long; and we sincerely trust that there is still much enthusiasm and energy and church patriotism among the men notwithstanding the fact that they have been sitting still for a long time.