

HYMN FOR ASH-WEDNESDAY.

[27th February, 1895.]

Almighty God! Eternal Lord!

Whose tender mercies all may share.
We sinners come, with one accord,
To seek Thy face in humble prayer.

Conscious of guilt and self-accused,
Of self-distrustful more and more,
The love we have so oft abused
Oh take not from us, we implore.

Behold, on each unworthy brow
The symbol of the cross we bear;
By that dear cross, O Lord, do Thou
In love look down, in mercy spare.

Thou dost not will that one should die,
Yet our desert is death and shame;
Regard us, Lord, with pitying eye,
Who now invoke Thy holy Name.

Before Thine altar, lowly bent,
Both priest and people weep and say:
"Help us to fast with true intent,
And hear and pardon while we pray."

—Selected.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.
IN CANADA.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

The fifth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held, as announced, at Woodstock, Ont., on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7th to 10th inst.

The session proper was preceded by a "Quiet Day," the proceedings of which, however, were limited to a portion of the afternoon and evening of Thursday. The Rev. G. Osborne Troop, who was responsible for this part of the programme having been unfortunately delayed by a most unexpected failure in connection with the part of the C.P.R., his place was filled in the afternoon by three of the younger clergy present. On Mr. Troop's arrival at the beginning of the evening service, he proceeded with his original intention of speaking on "Strength out of Weakness," with which, by special request, he associated the subjects, "Personal Parity" and "Preparation for Holy Communion." On each of these he spoke with characteristic earnestness and power, and made an impression gratefully acknowledged by many during the course of the Convention.

The opening address was made by Canon Dumoulin in St. Paul's church on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. He spoke with force and eloquence of the high dignity of man as man, a fact from which the dignity and importance of the work of the Brotherhood proceeded. He also took occasion to protest against the usurpations of man's province which had resulted from the "forward movement" among women at the present time.

At 11 the Convention was called to order in the Town Hall, where addresses of welcome were given by the Lord Bishop of Huron, the Mayor of Woodstock, and the Rev. J. C. Farthing, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's church.

Then followed the President's address, after which brief words of greeting were given by representatives from other provinces, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Quebec being each represented, as well as the United States.

The remainder of the morning was occupied by the reading of the Annual Council report and notices of motion arising therefrom, the latter being referred to a committee on resolutions. One remarkable feature of the Convention, indeed, was the paucity of resolutions carried. At the moment of writing this only four can be recalled. Two of these had reference to the time

and place of the next Convention, and a third to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the state of dormant chapters and endeavour to revive them. In this was involved the raising of a fund for the expenses of the Commission. Towards this the chapters represented in the Convention gave pledges for various sums amounting in all to \$150. The remaining chapters are to be asked by the Secretary to contribute to this fund.

As to the time of the next Convention, the inclemency of the weather gave additional force to the proposition that it should be held in the autumn instead of the winter. It was decided that, should an invitation be received from the city of Montreal before the 1st of July next, the Council be recommended to hold the next Convention there, if possible, in the autumn of 1896.

The subject of Conference for Friday afternoon, "Our Work," was dealt with under the heads: (a) "Its Motive;" (b) "Its Cost;" (c) "Its Power." An appointed speaker gave a short address on each of these heads, after which the subject was thrown open for discussion. The Rev. Frank Dumoulin, on this occasion, was a good sample of the able and business-like chairmen whom the Brotherhood can furnish. The open discussion, in this and all the following subjects, was most practical, spirited, and well sustained.

In spite of the furious blizzard raging outside, there was a well filled hall on Friday evening, when stirring addresses were given by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, Wm. Aikman, Esq., of St. Paul's, Missa, and Rev. W. J. Muckleston, of Perth, Ont.

The spirit of self-denial and enthusiasm referred to at this meeting was tested and also exemplified at the early celebration next morning in St. Paul's church, when, in spite of bitter cold and severe storm, the corporate Communion at 7.30 o'clock was partaken of by considerably more than a hundred men.

The Conferences on Saturday morning and afternoon, on the subjects of "The Boys' Department," "Brotherhood Bible Classes," and "Enthusiasm in the Work," were ably introduced and actively sustained, and must have been felt, by all who had the privilege of hearing and taking part in them, as most helpful, suggestive, and inspiring.

On Saturday evening a sample chapter meeting was held by St. Stephen's Chapter, Toronto, which was represented by twelve members at the Conference. This was followed by a general discussion as to methods of chapter work.

Sunday began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight o'clock. At 11 the Anniversary Sermon was preached by the Bishop of Huron, an eloquent and masterly discourse, based on Rom. i., 1, "A servant of Jesus Christ." For fear of being crowded out, however, perhaps it will be better to defer for next issue a more particular account of this and the closing services.

GO!

A little word, but oh what tremendous meaning lies hidden in those two letters!

Go! It signifies activity. It means to move forward. Advance! Backed by the Holy Ghost it has the "ring of conquest." It should be written over every page of our life's history. It should be the key-word of duty for every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. The evil age in which we live, the countless souls dying without the great salvation, demand that we give intense emphasis to that word. Follow its history through the Word of God and try to catch something of its meaning. Endeavor to get it incorporated into your very being. Let it be the great spiritual dynamo that shall put life and zeal into every thought, every purpose, every

muscle, bone and nerve for Christ, that is "mighty to save."

But where shall I go? Go to the lost wherever you may find them. Accept each opportunity God gives you, and lift up Jesus, who has said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." In the shop, in the store, in the home, in the church, in the palace, in the hovel, on the street, anywhere, everywhere (Acts viii. 4).

"Go—and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."—F. B. Hoagland, in *Young Men's Era*.

THE ASSAILANTS OF YOUTH.

Low theatricals, vicious books, indecently illustrated papers, are all in league to throw upon us a host of juvenile offenders who are fast coming to maturity with no more conscience and with much less decency than an average pagan—mere bundles of untamed passions and appetites, guided by a reckless, remorseless human will.

A serious question demands an answer: How much are our educational methods doing to withstand and reverse this fatal drift? A recent incident may point to an answer. Dr. E. L. Clark, of Boston, in a sermon on the last Thanksgiving day, said: "I was recently on the Bowery, in New York to address 300 men bearing all the marks of sin and shame. I told the one in charge of the service that I thought he had made a mistake in asking me to speak on the topic chosen, for it was beyond their comprehension. He replied, sadly, that he knew every man there, and four out of ten were college graduates." In our worship of intellectual finish and power we are forgetting, from primary school to university, that there are three factors in a right education—the mental, the moral and the spiritual faculties. No amount of training of the first alone can make anything more than a mischievous agent of ungoverned will. Ethical culture, however scientific and exact, as a mere abstraction has no more remedial force than the intellectual discipline which is only that. The peril of such limitations is the neglect of that which gives to education its fundamental value for mankind. Representatives of peoples outside of Christianity are telling us that man is constitutionally a religious being. He is so essentially this, that only as the mental and moral powers are subordinated to the guidance of the religious nature, can we lay claim to a normal human development. We go to sea without chart or compass if we forget or only traditionally remember "that there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding."—J. T. Tucker, in *The Church Union*.

Diocese of Ontario.

A meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Leeds was held in Brockville on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 12th and 13th of February, under the presidency of the Rev. G. W. Grout, M. A., Rural Dean and Rector of Lyn.

Christ Church Sunday School Library, Gananoque, has been replenished with new books, which were given out for the first time on Sunday, the 10th inst.

Notice to Subscribers in Arrears.

We regret to be obliged to say that owing to inattention to notices and requests heretofore given, we shall be compelled to place all accounts for Subscriptions over due for more than three years and, remaining unpaid at the end of the present month, in the hands of our legal attorneys.