

There was a decidedly martial spirit in the singing of the 4th verse:

"From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight, and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well fought day."

Canon Gore read the 5th chapter of St. John's first epistle from the 4th to 11th verse. After a brief introduction, Canon Gore divided his subject under three heads, viz.: (1) The Witness of the Spirit; (2) The Witness of Water; (3) The Witness of Blood. Under the first head the Divinity of Christ was emphasized. The necessity of convention was dwelt upon under the second head. "Christ builds His Church upon the rock of a regenerated nature." In the last place love and sympathy were advocated as the means for the abolition of caste, class, and clique. At the end of each division the congregation was asked to spend five or six minutes in silent prayer and meditation. These were solemn heart-searching moments, and as the last hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was announced, the spirit of confidence which had characterized the singing of the opening hymn, had changed to one of dependence and deep humility. One of the city papers, after alluding to some personal characteristics of Canon Gore, says:

"And it is this curious hang-together appearance which makes this distinguished man so fascinating—and he is that above all else. It is that which is first attractive, but after that comes the realizing sense that this strange, red-bearded man, who wears glasses and squints, this man with the queer shoes and the loose stockings—this man whose eyes look over and above all that is about him—it is he whose tremendous ability stood, and still stands, with that of Charles Darwin, Thomas Henry Huxley, and George John Romanes in the scientific world of England and the whole universe. His work in the Church and in the carrying out of the ideas of the Christian religion is well known and needs no mention."

About four hundred people attended the seven o'clock Communion service on Thursday morning. At 10.30 o'clock the delegates assembled in St. Paul's church to hear the address of welcome by the Bishop of Western New York. As the immense gathering sat or stood in the great edifice, the doors swung open, and to the words of the beautiful hymn: "Rejoice ye Pure in Heart," the surpliced choir of St. Paul's marched into the church, and after them walked the clergy of the diocese, the two Canadian Bishops, the Right Rev. Charles Stuart Talbot, D.D., Lord Bishop of Rochester, England; Canon Charles Gore, of Westminster Abbey; the Right Rev. J. Philip DuMoulin, Bishop of Niagara; the Most Rev. Enos Nuttall, Archbishop of the West Indies; and others prominent in the Church and the order. After prayers had been read by the rector, Rev. J. A. Regester, S.T.D., Bishop Walker spoke for nearly an hour in glowing terms of the aims and work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and welcomed its members to the Queen City. He pointed out the value of organization in all things, and emphasized the fact that while one man might incite a crusade, it required the masses to carry on the conflicts; that the living Church of God was the only power which, by being a co-worker with God and Christ, would accomplish anything in the uplifting and betterment of the great human brotherhood. Concluding his eloquent, impressive charge, he told of a touching incident in connection with his visit to an Indian settlement during the time he was missionary Bishop in South Dakota. The Indians, he said, used the white flag of St. Andrew with the red cross to call the Indians of the settlement to Church services. The flag was placed at the top of a high pole, where it could be seen by all. To the Indian who could not understand what the St. Andrew's cross meant, one of their number explained that the X stood for ten, and that they were to keep the ten commandments.

The first business meeting of the convention was held in the Music Hall, and was called to order at 2.30 p.m. by the chairman of the International Committee, Mr. Silas McBee, of New York. Mr.

McBee paid a warm tribute to the tireless energy shown in the preparations for the convention. He then called upon Secretary Wood to read the report of the convention. It stated that there are now six national branches united in one Brotherhood of St. Andrew. In the Church in the United States there are 1,220 chapters, with 12,000 members. In the Church in the Dominion of Canada there are 212 chapters, with 1,500 members. In the Church in Scotland there are twelve chapters, with 100 members. In the Church of Australia there are forty chapters, with 350 members. In the Church in the West Indies and South America there are sixteen chapters with 300 members. And in the Church of England, where the movement has only recently taken organized form, there are thirty-nine chapters, with 350 members.

The report having been adopted, Mr. James L. Houghtelling, founder of the order, and president of the American branch, gave an address of welcome. Mr. Houghtelling is a good speaker, and held the undivided attention of the great gathering for some time. He then introduced Archbishop Enos Nuttall, of Jamaica, West Indies. For nearly an hour Archbishop Nuttall spoke, the words rolling in an eloquent stream from his lips, each as clear-cut as a diamond. He warmly advocated the plan of placing the work of the Brotherhood strictly in the hands of the laymen, and said that the clergy should be merely advisers. Speaking of long-faced, bilious sort of alleged Christians, the Archbishop said: "There was once in Jamaica, a negro doctor who used to pride himself on his diagnoses. He gave a great deal of medicine, but it was his written diagnosis upon which he set the greatest store. In one case, the document explaining which is still in my possession, the old man ends his written diagnosis by saying: 'The lady is suffering from a congestion of the theological part of her stomach.' That is the trouble with many people," continued the Archbishop. "They have a congestion of the theological part, and they think too little of the practical application of their theology."

Mr. Varbon Rogers, Q.C., Kingston, Ont., was introduced as the next speaker. He dwelt at length on the growth of the Brotherhood in Canada, and said that an affiliation such as that, should have a tendency to draw the two countries closer together. He deprecated any chance of a war between America and England or Canada. The speaker placed Canada in the position of a young brother to America, and said that such an affection should always exist.

The Right Rev. Charles Stuart Talbot, D.D., Lord Bishop of Rochester, England, spoke of the work of the Brotherhood in his diocese, and read a letter from an assembly of the Brotherhood in Surrey. In concluding his address, his Lordship read the following letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury:

"Lambeth Palace, S.E., 16th August, 1897.

"My Dear Bishop of Rochester,—I was very glad to hear from you last February that you were going this autumn to the convention of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. I have been watching the proceedings of the Brotherhood with much interest for some time, and I am more and more inclined to believe that it will prove a very real and very great help to the Church as a body, and to many Christian souls. I do not think it will be wise to be hasty in recognizing such Brotherhoods, and I have kept somewhat aloof that I might have some experience of their actions before I took any step which I should afterwards have to retrace. But their aim is unquestionably high; their methods are simple; there is no extravagance in their requirements, or in their practice; their perseverance is steady; and I think they have now justified the position which they have assumed.

"I believe your presence among them will be a great help to them, and your report of their proceedings when you return will be of great value to us. I shall be rejoiced if your visit to them, bearing with you the hearty good-will of a Bishop of the Church in England, may end in drawing them into closer relations with us, creating at once a clearer understanding and a warmer affection and

respect from each towards the other. The blessing of Our Heavenly Father be with you.

"Yours faithfully,
" F. CANTUAR."

During the reading of the letter every member stood up, and it was greeted with much enthusiasm. The scene was renewed when a cablegram and a telegram were read from the Archbishop of York and Bishop Williams of Connecticut, presiding Bishop of the Church in the United States, respectively. In the evening the Rev. Provost Welch M.A., of Trinity University, Toronto, conducted a largely attended preparatory service in St. Paul's church for the Holy Communion. We regret that we were not able to attend more than two days of the convention. In leaving to someone else the pleasure of reporting the greater meetings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we must say that what to us was most significant in the gathering of this convention was the fact that all the entire delegation was composed of men—men representing the best elements in all walks of life, serious, thoughtful, religious men, whose great and sole object was the prosperity of the Church and the moral and intellectual uplifting of a fallen humanity. We have seen other Christian bodies holding their great conventions, but nine out of every ten delegates were women. Here we saw more than a thousand men at six o'clock in the evening, partaking of the Holy Communion. Truly, this great Brotherhood of St. Andrew is destined to be a great help to the Church of the Living God.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

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Montreal.—St. Luke's Day.—The touching teaching of the beloved physician's festival, demands at least a line of sympathetic notice en passant; May God give the doctors skill and good success!—among the "good works which are prepared for us to walk in," none perhaps call for more sympathy and faithful persevering ministry than the duty opened by the door of the Hospital: Accordingly, it was a beautiful incident, to find the Rector of Montreal, the rector of St. Luke's, the rector of Trinity, and one of our Hospital chaplains, kneeling together with Canon Davidson, on the forenoon of last Monday, in his private ward at the General Hospital, where he has been for some time under surgical treatment, and his numerous friends will be glad to know that he is progressing favourably. On leaving, the rector of St. Luke's had other patients to visit, and I must now congratulate St. Luke's parish that their rector was seen on the parish anniversary day, walking in that heavenward way, as we left him going up the stairs on his round of loving service.

Students' Missionary Society.—A missionary meeting under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society of the Diocesan Theological College, was held last Tuesday evening in the college, and was well attended. Bishop Bond presided, and spoke of the call to the mission field; Mr. Heney, president of the society, dwelt on the work being done; the Rev. G. Osborne Troop spoke of the spirit which should be behind missionary effort; the Rev. L. N. Tucker made an appeal for men for British Columbia, and the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael gave the closing address.

St. Luke's.—An open meeting of the Montreal Council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held last Monday evening in St. Luke's church, when there was a large attendance of members of the Brotherhood, visitors and clergy. The principal business of the evening was the reception of the reports of the local delegates to the recent international convention at Buffalo.

St. Jude's.—Montreal is losing an eloquent young preacher—and one whose stay in this city has been