

MONTHLY NOTES.

For some months we had the benefit of a piano lent to us by Mrs. Robertson during a prolonged absence from home. Since her return last summer, Mr. Kemp has felt the want of a piano greatly, as he considers it the best instrument for training boys' voices; and he has therefore himself provided one. An impression has got abroad that this has been a gift to the congregation by some anonymous person; we therefore refer to the matter in order to say that the piano has not been given, nor has it been purchased for the congregation, and it is not their property. It has been provided by Mr. Kemp by a private arrangement of his own.

The Rev. J. G. Waller, formerly of St. Alban's, and who has been a missionary in Japan for several years, has arranged to deliver a lecture, illustrated by lantern views, on the "Church Work in Japan," in the Crypt, on Monday evening, 16th January.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Organized on St. Andrew's Day in St. James' Church, Chicago, 1883, introduced into Canada 1886. The Chapter of St. Alban's Cathedral No. 184, formed in 1895. Its objects are to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men and each member to endeavour to bring each week at least one young man within the hearing of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It works in the Church of England, but only by the approval and under the leadership of the Clergy of the Church. It consists of parochial Chapters, independent in all particular and local affairs, but dependent upon one another and acting with one another as regards the general interests and obligations common to all its members.

A Convention is held each year in a city previously selected, at which every Chapter is entitled to be represented by its delegates.

The Convention appoints a Council of eighteen members annually, which is charged with the executive directions of the general organization.

A Council Office is maintained at the Headquarters of the Brotherhood and as a centre for the various Chapters.

Emphasis is laid upon individual responsibility for individual character work and influence.

The Brotherhood may be regarded as an executive force of the lay element of the Church in which a Chapter resides, for it works with and under the clergy for the highest good in the work of the Master and His cause.

It has attained a strength in the United States of 1,229 Chapters, 12,000 members; Canada, 229

Chapters, 1,500 members; Scotland, 12 Chapters, 100 members; Australasia, 40 Chapters, 350 members; West Indies and South America, 16 Chapters, 360 members; England, 43 Chapters, 350 members.

In the City of Toronto and its suburbs there are thirty-five Churches of England and twenty-nine of them have Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Let this Brotherhood suggest the organizing of Chapters in the remaining Churches and cooperate with them for that purpose.

The office of the Ontario Brotherhood is at Toronto, 24 Adelaide Street East, with H. R. Young as General Secretary.

"St. Andrew's Cross" is the Magazine of the Brotherhood—published monthly at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, U.S. To members the subscription is 60 cents per annum. Is in its thirteenth year of publication. Every member should not only be a subscriber, but read its valuable and interesting information of the work of the Brotherhood at home and abroad.

From a practical standpoint it may be said that St. Andrew's Brotherhood owes its origin to a desire, on the part of some faithful laymen, to supply a means by which the clergy of the Church of England could be brought into closer relations with those lukewarm members of our Church (particularly the young men) who are unfortunately so numerous at this time. It was thought that a few earnest words from men outside the ranks of the clergy, who would be able to look at religious matters from a standpoint similar to their own, would, coupled with the undoubtedly strong influence of a good personal example in one of themselves, have a greater effect in drawing these careless ones into the fold, than the unaided efforts of the clergyman could be reasonably expected to have; and when to this is added the valuable services that such lay-workers can render to their clergy, by reporting from time to time the difficulties, the grievances, or the objections, presented by those that they are attempting to influence for good, it will be seen that there is plenty of room, within the limits of our different parishes, for such an organization.

A Bible-class for men (to which every man who reads these lines is invited) has been recently formed, and meets every Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the Chapel. This class has for its object the study of the Scriptures, with especial reference to their application to the affairs of every-day life. It is under the direction of one of the members of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, who hopes by this means to arouse a general interest in this, the greatest of all books, and to bring to view some of its surpassing beauties.