

## St. Andrew's Brotherhood

The Cathedral Chapter fully appreciates the Diocesan nature of the Cathedral work. It has lately filled the office of Director for St. Cyprian's Chapter from its own ranks, and has allowed more than one of its members to resign to strengthen neighbouring chapters.

At the annual meeting of St. Alban's Chapter, recently held, the former officers were re-elected for the coming year, and strong committees were appointed to carry on the work in its various departments. We think it is a matter for congratulation, and a great cause for thankfulness, that out of a membership of fifteen the average attendance at the meetings during the past year has been twelve; the members would be very glad to see other men of the congregation at their meetings, and would like to have the membership brought up to twenty before many months have passed.

The meetings, hereafter, will take place in the Chapel at 9.30 a.m., on the *first* and *third* Sundays in the month, instead of on the *second* and *fourth*, as heretofore.

The Council of the Brotherhood in England has been deprived of two of its most active members, Captain Molony, of the Royal Engineers, having been ordered to South Africa, and Major Mayne to India.

The Brotherhood is not a Society which takes upon itself new work in the Church of God, or which sets apart a certain number of men to engage in a definite form of work, it is simply a body of men who realise the responsibility of their Baptismal vows, and are banded together for the mutual support and encouragement such union gives. The duty is upon *all* Churchmen to spread Christ's Kingdom, and it should not be necessary to emphasize that obligation by forming Societies of the few who are trying to do what *all* should do. The necessity for the existence of the Brotherhood is a sign of weakness in the Church; we are *all* enlisted in the one Army, we are *all* called to fight; it should not be left to the *few* to volunteer for active service under Christ's Banner. The Church is overburdened with Societies, and Guilds, and Committees; nothing of the kind should be necessary; there is the one Society, the Divine Organization, the Church, complete and perfectly equipped to carry on the work of God in the world without any further machinery of man's ordaining. Let us all try to realise our responsibilities, our duties, our privileges, and the energy that is now, to a certain extent, wasted in unnecessarily duplicating and complicating the work of The Church, will then be used with all its tremendous force to the one purpose of extending the Kingdom of God on earth.

## Woman's Auxilliary

The half-yearly meeting of this influential organization was held at Uxbridge, on Thursday, 30th Nov.

Our Branch was represented by its President, Mrs. Sweatman, who with her usual self-denying devotion to the cause laid aside her other engagements in order to attend.

We understand that the meeting was, as might be expected with such a hostess as Mrs. Depencier, eminently successful; being both enjoyable to those who took part in its proceedings, and inspiring to the Branches who were represented there.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the beneficial influences of these semi-annual gatherings, in softening local prejudices and in drawing more closely together all the members in those bonds of Christian charity which give such unmistakable evidence of the genuineness of our religion.

It may be mentioned that a movement is on foot to raise a special sum among the different Branches and their friends, to be called the "Nineteenth Century Fund." It is the intention to present this money at a celebration of the Holy Communion, to be held in St. James' Cathedral, January 11th, when all members of the Auxilliary are expected to be present.

It is sincerely hoped that this appeal will meet with a liberal response, so that the sum realised will be worthy of the Society, and of substantial benefit to the cause to which it is to be devoted.

The regular weekly meeting of St. Alban's Branch was, on the 20th December last, varied by the interesting ceremony of packing the barrel of useful articles (clothing and other necessaries) intended for the Rev. Mr. Lord, of Apsley, Ont. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that these meetings are not entirely devoted to social chats, however interesting they may be, but are given over to the production (by means known only to the gentler sex) of serviceable clothing, etc., for the needy missions of this and other dioceses; and the occasion just referred to was the culminating point of this season's work, the occasion when the ladies could take a last glance at their own handiwork before it was handed over to the tender mercies of the expressman. We may venture the hope that the barrel may, upon its arrival at Apsley, scatter pleasant feelings among the recipients of the good things, and awaken in their breasts emotions worthy of Christianity, and prolific in the good works that are its greatest adornment.

It is gratifying to note that the parents of the boys in the school, who are not members of the congregation, have subscribed, in sums quite as large as we could reasonably expect of them, a total of \$25 towards the reflooring of the crypt, thus testifying to their appreciation of the school.

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