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EDITORIAL.

The attention of the men of the congregation is called to the Circular issued by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

We suggest that they set aside the dates referred to and make an honest effort to be present with as many more as they are able to influence.

We have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. James L. Houghteling of Chicago (one of the speakers) and can assure our readers of a treat. We doubt if there is one man in our congregation who could sacrifice as much as Mr. Houghteling does to be present. When we see how much he and others give up to be present, how weak our excuses appear.

It is with great pleasure that we draw attention to the debate, to be held under the auspices of the Y. P. A., Tuesday, 9th inst. The special attraction

being a contest with the literary powers of All Saints' Church Y. P. A. Rev. A. Baldwin, M.A., to be one of the speakers.

PRACTICAL INTEREST.

We omitted to state in last issue that owing to the kindness of Mr. Thos. Shortiss, a handsome new cushion and hangings replaced the worn-out ones on the pulpit. This is all the more pleasing as the suggestion came from the donor. We hope other members of the congregation will observe the things which require renewing.

Perhaps the surplice closet requires special notice. The stoles are worn out. Who will volunteer to superintend this department? A little timely mending and fitting would make much improvement.

THE CHOIR.

Nothing worth doing can be accomplished without effort, and yet how many of the congregation pause to think how much energy and talent is expended by the members of the choir.

Pause a moment and think: How regularly they attend the services Sunday morning and evening; how faithfully they give up Friday evening for fatiguing practice and more than that how frequently there is the extra evening and the extra hour after the services are over; how little assistance the congregation give in the rendering of the praises of God, so much so that the choir have not only to lead but wholly sustain the singing.

Whatever different views the several individuals of the congregation may hold as to the selections rendered, there can only be one opinion as to the manner of their rendering. Mr. Schuch possesses remarkable powers of voice, ability and personal influence. Few men could col-

lect together and hold in such a state of efficiency the choir over which he has charge, whatever he undertakes he brings to a successful issue.

We trust these few words of well deserved praise will help the congregation to realize the obligation they are under to the choir and the organist, Mr. Dinelli (whose special fort as an accompanist adds in no small degree to the efficiency of the choir).

In conclusion let us ask: Do you pray for the choir in their RESPONSIBLE position as leaders of God's praise, or do you expect that they can unaided praise God acceptably. They are under special difficulties. The mechanical and mental efforts required for concerted action, to a great measure exclude the personal and contemplative element, and thus tend to render the praises mere words of the lips not utterances from the heart. It is not too much to ask that while they assist in moulding the outward expression, that you be busy assisting them by your prayers in the preparation of the heart which alone cometh from God.

PERSONALS.

The congregation were delighted with a visit from our faithful ex-church-warden Mr. Harris. It was quite a surprise to see him, as we expected that he was worshipping at that hour in Winnipeg. Absence has not made any difference as was evidenced from the hearty handshaking and kindly expressions he gave, and received from: so many.

Many of our congregation have suffered and many are still suffering from the prevalent epidemic "la grippe." It has materially affected their attendance at services, Sunday school and other meetings. We trust that all cases of illness will be reported to the Rector.