The Church at Work.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

WHAT, another organization ! Yes. Oh, we are being organized to death ! Are we ? Is organization an evidence of death ? Is not death the result of dis-organization ? Is not every form of life characterized by organization ? Do we not find the most complex and perfect organization in the highest forms of life ? Are not the achievements of machinery wrought out by organization ? Is not business success contingent upon organized method ? Do not greater results follow when a number of persons combine and concentrate their efforts upon a given object ? Is not more accomplished by the united organized power of many than by the disintegrated, unmethodical force of individuals ?

We believe that each of these questions must be answered in the affirmative. And that true Christianity, being a real form of life, can best effect its purpose by the most perfect organization. Also, that as the life of Christianity advances towards perfection in its development, we may look for its organization to be more complex and specific. The spiritual being the highest form of life, we may expect the organizations to be more numerous and the functions more varied. As the Christian Church realizes the ideal Christianity lived and taught by the Man of Nazareth, her life force will be manifested in multitudinous activities touching the various needs of humanity. If we confine our thought to historical experience, the past justifies us in saying that every spiritual uplift has been characterized by some new phase of organized Christian effort. Methodism is itself a standing illustration of this fact. Aside from spiritual life, denominational success will be measured by the kind and character of organization. A writer in the July number of *The Chautauquan*, in accounting for the fact that " The growth of Congregationalism on this continent has been by no means commensurate with its opportunities," replies, " It is in part due, beyond a doubt, to