

MONTHLY NOTES

SERVICE ACCOUNT—DECEMBER, 1901.

RECEIPTS.	
Offertory: average \$38.53	\$177 64
" For Christmas Decorations	14 53
" Christmas	103 58
Balance, 31st December	80 46
	\$376 21
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 1st December	\$121 63
Clerical Stipend.	62 50
Organist's Salary	25 00
" Expenses	4 75
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Lighting	1 60
Repairs	3 62
Interest	12 50
Freight and Duty on Offertory Envelopes	1 50
Altar Guild for Decorations	14 53
Rev. Canon Macnab (Christmas)	103 58
	\$376 21

The Rev. Canon McNab desires us to express his thanks to the congregation for their generous gift through the Christmas offertory.

ORDINATION.

An ordination was held in the Cathedral on Sunday, 22nd December, when Mr. Loftus Augustus Trotter was ordained Deacon.

MEETINGS OF CONGREGATION.

A necessity for additional seating having become apparent, and some other matters requiring consideration, a meeting of members of the congregation was held on 10th December ult., His Lordship the Bishop presiding, at which a committee was appointed to consider proposals made regarding seating, and also the question of heating, etc., with instructions to take immediate action in getting certain improvements made in the furnace, and in getting two pairs of swing doors placed in the vestibule, so as to form an inner vestibule. These things were accordingly done without delay, and as to other matters the Committee reported to an adjourned meeting held on 20th ult.

At this meeting it was decided to move the organ to the south side of the choir, the stalls to be rearranged by moving four to the east of the choir seats and twelve to the west, and an organ chamber being taken from the library; thus allowing the space previously occupied by the organ to be floored and seated; all of which was completed by Sunday, 5th inst. At the same time the cumbersome and unsightly pulpit has been removed, and a pulpit, or rather preacher's desk, of more convenient character, erected near the Dean's stall. From this position the preacher can see, and be seen by, almost all persons present, which was not at all the case with the previous arrangement. The present structure for this purpose

is of a temporary character, to be replaced by something better if the subscriptions for the improvement are sufficient to provide for it.

These changes seem to be regarded by the congregation as very satisfactory; for not only is there more seating accommodation, but the appearance of the interior of the building is much improved, and the advantages of the change of pulpit are manifest.

The question of heating has been found to be a difficult one, for on several occasions there has not been sufficient warmth, although the steam has been at a height greatly more than should be required, and it has also been considered necessary to overcome the down drafts from the roof and along the large chancel windows, with which we have always been troubled in cold weather. Double windows were proposed, but the Committee hesitated to recommend an improvement of so costly a character, and which might not be fully successful, and with regard to which there would also be other objections. The architect suggested, as an experiment worth trying, the erection of a glass structure at the foot of one window, which if it proved to be effective, could be put on other windows also, at a small cost. This, however, has been found to be only partially effective. The Committee, have, therefore, with the assistance of the architect, been in communication with a practical man, who has considered the whole question and has given such information that it is now felt that the difficulties are understood and can be sufficiently overcome at a moderate cost. It appears that when the crypt was refloored about two years ago, the alterations to the steam pipes were not properly made, in consequence of which some of the pipes have gradually become deficient; but the principal cause of insufficient warmth and excessive consumption of fuel seems to be an inadequacy of radiating power as compared with the interior area of the building. We have explained this matter at greater length than our space should admit, as it has been a subject of a good deal of discussion, and the congregation will be glad to be informed that the difficulties are now (as we believe) understood, and are likely to be immediately remedied.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW, ST. ALBAN'S CHAPTER, NO. 184.

At the annual meeting held lately officers for the ensuing year have been elected as named on the front page.

The annual report shows that during the past year the work of the Chapter has been energetically carried on, notwithstanding many difficulties. Twenty-five services at the Toronto Jail have been attended, and discharged prisoners visited under the direction of the Jail Chaplain. The Chapter paid seventeen visits to the General Hospital, and six visits to the Dock Services.

No public mention is made of the personal or man-to-man work of the members, but it was stated that through the influence of the Chapter a number of young men have been brought to the services of the church.