

SERVICE ACCOUNT—JULY, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory: Average \$26.91.....	\$107 65
" for Coronation expenses, additional.....	1 25
" for Choir Camp.....	8 42
Balance.....	5 02

\$126 34

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st July.....	\$ 10 18
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	25 00
Choir.....	4 18
Lighting.....	19 40
Water Rate.....	2 08
Insurance.....	2 80

\$126 34

THE CORONATION.

Although the postponement of the Coronation necessarily deprives the ceremony and its surroundings of much of their magnificence, and popular enthusiasm has to a great extent expended itself, nevertheless the event is still that which is uppermost in men's minds. So far as can be done, it is intended that the Service in St. Alban's on the day when the Coronation actually takes place shall be all that it was to have been on the 26th of June. All the preparations made for that date have been kept ready, and though our numbers may be diminished by the absence of so many who are now away from home, it is intended that the service shall be performed as worthily as may be possible.

Referring to the printed notice issued on 22nd June to the congregation, we now repeat what was then stated that by His Majesty's command, services identical with those in Westminster Abbey, so far as practicable, were to have been held on 26th June in the churches of all parts of the British Empire, and so far as we are concerned we understand that command to be still in force, and there can be no doubt that it will be widely so regarded. The prayers, therefore, offered up in Westminster Abbey will be echoed in all quarters of the world, being, so far as the limitations of time and space permit, the uniting with the King of all his people in this most important function. It is therefore the part of all true and faithful citizens of the Empire to let no light matter prevent their performing this loyal duty by attending in their places at the services which are appointed to be held. It is especially urged upon

those who usually attend St. Alban's Cathedral to do so on this occasion, that all persons, both old and young, may join in the prayers for the Divine blessings upon the King and Queen; and that a large gathering may testify our loyalty and patriotism. It is hoped that there may be none who shall in years to come look back upon this occasion and regret that, without just cause, he had omitted to perform his proper part on this day.

As the service will not be a long one, being shorter than the ordinary Morning Service, it is desirable that all should remain during the Communion office, even although not intending to partake, in order the better to indicate and emphasize the fact of the unity of the people with their Sovereign and his Consort in this important ceremony.

The offertory at the Service will be devoted towards the expenses of the Service, and preparation for it. Being an occasion of the greatest importance, and of exceptional occurrence, it was felt that the preparations for it should be the best which our means and opportunities made possible, although involving an expenditure somewhat beyond the limits of the strict economy which is our usual rule. These expenses are really such as should not be provided for out of ordinary revenue, but should be representative of the loyalty of the people, and therefore met by special offerings.

The boys of the Choir left on Monday, 21st inst. for their annual outing in camp near Niagara. They are to be back in time for the Coronation Service, at which we hope there will be a full attendance of Choristers.

St. Alban's Cathedral is fortunate in possessing so much beautiful work done by women, not only of the congregation but others also. We would be glad to know of any ladies accustomed to do embroidered work who would like to add to the adornment of the building and its furnishings, as we can suggest pieces of such work upon which their skill may be employed. All such things are valued not only for their intrinsic worth, but also as forming a memorial of the worker, to continue, it may be, for many years. For this last reason alone, irrespective of others which more readily suggest themselves, it would be pleasant to have many such things.