

MONTHLY NOTES

Having accomplished so much at St. Alban's we may reasonably hope that in the new field of labor he has chosen, the same success will attend his efforts; with the result that Uxbridge will again possess a flourishing and united church abounding in good works and adding new strength to our beloved Church of England.

That such will be the case, and that health and prosperity will accompany our late priest-vicar and his family in their new home, is the sincere desire of the congregation of St. Albans.

ST. ALBAN'S CRICKET CLUB

The season has been one of progress to Cricket. Many matches, some with the best players, and great enthusiasm have enhanced the reputation and popularity of the Club. The Club has won and lost but withal made good play. Last Saturday Rosedale was defeated but only by one run when time called.

The Club is advancing not only in good play but in stimulating the manliness of this great English game in our midst and indirectly making pure athletics helpful to the work of the Church among young men.

Mr. de Pencier before the removal of his family to Uxbridge will endeavor to call on the members of the congregation during the month of September to wish them a pastoral farewell. He will have the comforting assurance of deep regret in his departure with the earnest prayers and best wishes of a united people for an abundant blessing upon himself and Mrs. de Pencier in their new field of labor.

The removal of our priest-vicar from Toronto will cause us also to lose the bright presence and untiring activity of his esteemed wife from our church life. Being the vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary, her loss will be keenly felt by that body of loyal church workers; and as the head and front of several junior societies, which owe their existence to her indefatigable exertions, her place will be very difficult to fill; and the prominent part she has taken in Sunday School affairs will leave a gap in the ranks of too few faithful teachers.

On these as well as on personal grounds we deeply regret the necessity that seems to have arisen, for severing the ties that have for so long bound together Mrs. de Pencier and the congregation of St. Albans.

THE CHOIR BOY'S CAMP

The seventh annual summer camp of the choir of St. Alban's Cathedral took place this year at beautiful Niagara on the Lake. The fine farm home of Mr. Bernard, three miles up the shore of the Lake was generously placed at their disposal and otherwise the good host showed the Camp much kindness in his efforts for their comfort and enjoyment. This was the first water trip and was arranged by Mr. Mathews but for whom this and many pleasures of the boys would be left out of their choir history. The twenty-four were a credit to the Church in their conduct and discipline and left a good impression by their visit. The old historical Church of St. Marks was attended and the melody of Psalm and Hymn by the addition of the choir was greatly appreciated. The Vicar, Mr. de Pencier spent Monday, (his last official day of the Cathedral) with the camp and it was evident how much he was beloved by the young of the Church. Amid the joy of the day the boys regret at the separation was feelingly manifest. By the care of a good Providence there was no mishap to mar the occasion and so passes on record some of the brightest days of St. Albans Choir.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

In order to remove any misunderstanding as to the scope of a communication in the last issue of "Monthly Notes" entitled "Lay Representatives," I may say that it was intended to embrace free-churches only, and contained simply a passing reference to the churches that still cling to the pew-renting system.

I may also say that the term Vestry was used in its broad modern sense (the meaning it bears to most churchmen) as applying to the body of men who annually meet together to discuss and to some extent direct their parish affairs, and not in the old contracted meaning that the same word bore previous to the era of free churches, as designating the organised body of pew-holders in each parish.

I trust that these explanations will satisfy those estimable churchmen who are so wedded to the necessary distinctions made in our Canons between the vestry in pew renting churches, who have no power to elect Lay Representatives, and the congregational body in the same churches having that power that they are not willing to admit the use of the term vestry in free churches, though the body of men composing it, exercise all the powers that are according to canon law, conferred upon the vestry and congregation together, in pew-renting churches, and therefore should as a matter of ordinary justice be entitled to bear the name Vestry.

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