

CHAPTER MEETINGS.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Cathedral Chapter was held on Thursday, 12th February. The principal business being the consideration of financial statements which were presented.

Authority was given for the placing on the choir benches of small plates as memorials of certain deceased members of the choir.

Some inconvenience having been hitherto arisen with regard to matters coming before the Great Chapter at the Quarterly Meetings, which should be dealt with by the Residentiary Chapter, the plan was on this occasion adopted of calling a meeting of the Residentiary Chapter to be held simultaneously with that of the Great Chapter, so that all matters coming up for consideration might be dealt with at once, without postponement. So long as there are no important questions, involving differences of opinion, to be debated, this seems to be a convenient arrangement.

His Lordship has issued the following circular letter to the Clergy of the Diocese :

TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1903.

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER :

I shall be greatly obliged, (1) by your reading the subjoined short statement publicly to your Congregation ; (2) by your asking your Churchwardens, in sending any sums of money that may be contributed through the envelopes in the Offertory, to kindly return the envelopes to me for the purposes of record.

By obliging me in these two respects you will materially assist the effort which the Chapter is now making to put the Cathedral Envelope Scheme on a sounder basis.

Believe me,

Your Faithful Friend and Bishop,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

The debt on the Diocesan Cathedral, as most members of the church must know, has for some years past been a source of great anxiety, and the provision for meeting the interest on it has been a most difficult task. The Chapter, however, are glad to say that assurances have now been given, accompanied by substantial aid, which will enable them to commence a gradual reduction of the debt, the interest being fully provided for.

With this object in view, the list of Envelope Subscribers of twenty-five cents per quarter has been undergoing a thorough revision, and an organized effort is being made which is expected to result in the securing of a large number of additional subscribers. Through these means the Chapter hope, with good ground, that they will be able henceforth to pay off not less than one thousand dollars annually of the principal, in addition to meeting the interest ; and they would urge the consideration that a general response to the present appeal will help speedily to roll away a reproach that has too long lain against the Church of this Diocese.

The Mortgage Debt has already been somewhat reduced, and the annual interest on it at the present time is \$1,265.

The Bishop of the Diocese, in returning his sincere thanks to all who have so steadfastly stood the friends of the Cathedral cause in the past, earnestly asks the assistance of new friends, both by their subscriptions and their interest.

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

FEBRUARY.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory : Average, \$45.64	\$182 56
" Missions (Epiphany additional).....	5 50
Balance, 28th February	81 17
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	\$269 23

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st February	\$ 78 63
Clerical Stipend	75 00
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Sexton's expenses	3 80
Wine	9 00
Choir	4 50
Lighting	78
Printing, etc	18 04
Repairs to heating fixtures and plumbing.....	47 88
Petty repairs	1 10
Synod, for Missions	5 50
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We have had the pleasure of receiving from the Hon. Thomas S. Reid, of Hamilton, Bermuda, a history of Trinity Church in that town up to the commencement of rebuilding after its almost total destruction by fire in 1885. The Church was quickly rebuilt, but is only now being fully completed by the finishing of the tower, a portion of the work which we are informed is a matter peculiar personal interest to Mr. Reid. The book discloses several interesting items of connection between parishioners and friends of Trinity Church and the people of Toronto ; besides, which, we believe that Mr. Reid, himself, was a Torontonion in the days of his youth.

On Thursday, 12th February, the members of the Girls' Auxiliary gave a pleasant entertainment in the crypt, and on the 19th February, Mr. Stanger delivered a most interesting lecture, illustrated by magic lantern views, on a journey from Halifax to Vancouver. Canon Macnab is giving a series of Lectures on Thursday evenings, which commenced on 26th February, and are to continue throughout Lent. (See the leaflet of Lenten Services, etc.)

The Annual Meetings of the Auxiliaries are being held, and we are informed that there will be a number of changes in the names of officers, but the information is too late for the present number of the NOTES.