

MONTHLY NOTES

THE demise of the Crown is always an event of importance, more or less grave as may happen or result from attendant circumstances, but no such occurrence which history has recorded has ever taken place which will bear comparison for magnitude with that which so unexpectedly, and with so brief a warning, has fallen upon the British Empire, and has put nearly one fourth of the world's inhabitants into mourning. The greatest monarch who has ever sat upon any throne, and whose reign has been an epoch wholly unique in the world's history, has laid down the sceptre, and given up the greatest and most brilliant of earthly crowns for, as we all most fully believe, one far more glorious.

At the services on Sunday, 20th January, the news of the Queen's serious illness which was made public the day before, seemed to overshadow everything, and the feelings which prevailed found expression in the spontaneous singing—for the last time—of "God Save the Queen." And on the following Sunday the fact of the great change which had occurred, and which it was difficult to realize, was brought home to our minds by the prayers for King Edward, instead of those to which we had all our lives been so accustomed that the alteration was almost startling. The choir had been draped, but in deference to the opinions of those who consider mourning inappropriate in churches, the display was confined within small limits,

and nothing was put up inside the sanctuary. The draping was accompanied by small Union Jacks half furled and tied up with black ribbon.

A special service was held on Saturday, 2nd February, at an hour simultaneous with that fixed for the principal public part of Her late Majesty's funeral at Windsor. There was a large congregation present, most of the people wearing mourning, and the Army and Navy Veterans attended the service.

It was expected that a member of the Army and Navy Veterans who was present at the coronation of Her late Majesty would have attended this service, but he was, unfortunately, unable to do so.

After the special service, the officers of the Army and Navy Veterans invited the Bishop to become a chaplain of their body, which His Lordship consented to do.

SERVICE ACCOUNT—JANUARY.

RECEIPTS.

Offeritory: average \$28.20	\$112 79
" Foreign Missions	16 06
" Synod Funds	1 00
" Debt	3 15
" Poor Fund	1 05
Balance, 31st January	21 35

\$155 40

EXPENDITURE.

Balance, 31st December	\$ 16 35
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	25 00
" Expenses	2 00
Printing, \$1 50, Monthly Notes, (\$3)	4 50
Choir	50
Lighting	16 77
Water Rates	2 75
Drapping, etc., for Mourning for the late Queen	4 82
Synod: Foreign Missions	16 06
"	1 00
Treasurer for Debt	3 15

\$155 40