

CALENDAR.

March	6.	Sunday, 3rd in Lent.
	13.	Sunday, 4th in Lent.
	17.	<i>St. Patrick.</i>
	20.	Sunday, 5th in Lent
	25.	Annunciation of B.V.M.
	27.	Sunday, 6th in Lent.
April	1.	GOOD FRIDAY.
	3.	Sunday, EASTER DAY.

SERVICE ACCOUNT—FEBRUARY.

RECEIPTS.	
Offertry: Average \$49.09	\$196 38
Balance, 29th February	76 07
	\$273 05
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 1st February	\$ 61 79
Clerical Stipend	83 33
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Sexton's Expenses	1 70
New curtains for organ chamber	5 58
Choir	96
Lighting	1 01
Duty on Offertry Envelopes, etc.	3 00
Christmas decorations	12 40
Printing, etc	11 50
Taxes for 1903, Albany Avenue	66 78
	\$273 05

The Chapel in the School building has been renovated and refitted, and is being used for daily services.

Charles Spain has been appointed Sexton in the place of Robert Stuart resigned.

The Bishop's Annual Entertainment for the boys of the School and Choir took place on 12th of February, and was quite a notable event. After a half-holiday, which the newspapers assert was spent in "working up an appetite," His Lordship entertained the Cathedral Choir Staff and the Masters of the School, with over a hundred boys, at a supper in the Crypt of the Cathedral, after which Mr. Owen A. Smiley, the well known clever humorist, gave a performance *more suo*. A presentation of stoles by the boys to Mr. Archbold, and a presentation of testimonial cards to retiring choristers completed the programme of a most successful entertainment.

It has been determined to present to Choir boys, whose services have been up to a defined standard and have continued for a certain length of time, a card certifying the fact of such service, and which each one may retain as a memento. By the generosity of Mr. Stone and the artistic skill of Mr. Wilcox, an illuminated card for this purpose, about 16 inches by 10 inches in size, has been lithographed. The first three of these were presented to Edward Porter, Beverley Robertson, and Charles Flint, at the Bishop's Annual Entertainment to the Choir and School.

DERELICT BOOKS.

Much inconvenience has been occasioned by persons attending the services leaving their prayer books behind them. Hitherto these have generally been allowed to remain, in the expectation that the owners would return and get them. This has been found unsatisfactory, and it is intended in future to put all such books in the Library, where the owners may get them. If not claimed within a reasonable time, they will be disposed of by gift to some mission, or by being burnt if they are too much worn to be of use, as is often the case. An exception will be made as regards books bearing the names of persons who regularly occupy the same seats. In all cases of books bearing known names, an effort will be made to get them returned to the owners. It is quite usual, however, to find the owner's name in derelict books obliterated, or the front leaves torn out. Frequently, too, the name is a Christian name only, without surname, in which case the owner cannot be identified.

FIVE QUESTIONS

REGARDING SOME THINGS WHICH OCCASION MUCH
NEEDLESS TROUBLE AND ANNOYANCE.

1. Why do people destroy the prayer books and hymn books? Sometimes books are accidentally injured, but some kinds of injuries, which are more frequent than they should be, cannot be attributed to mere accident.

2. Why do mischievous boys leave little heaps of paper torn up into scraps in the book-racks? If a boy were compelled to clean out one of these little heaps, it is not likely that he would ever commit the offence again.

3. And why do thoughtless girls cram withering flowers into the book-racks? These are sometimes as troublesome to clean up as the scraps of paper.

4. Are there any so silly as to imagine that such petty desecrations of the House of God are amusing? Those who are responsible for the cleanliness of the church cannot see anything funny about them.

5. Why do so many people leave their clothes behind them after attending at a service? If we were to count up and state the number of handkerchiefs, veils, gloves, fans, parasols, furs, and other articles of personal equipment that are left in the church in the course of a year, we would hardly be believed. We have had such things as a lady's fur garment, a boy's cloth sailor cap, and a man's heavy overcoat on our hands for months in search of their owners. There is no recorded instance of a purse having been left, but we think we have had every other detachable article. Occasionally it has happened that such mislaid things have disappeared, carried away (by mistake, of course) by some person other than the owner. When that has happened it has added trouble to trouble and heaped annoyance upon annoyance. In future, such articles remaining on hand for a reasonable time, unclaimed, will be given to the Sisters of S. John, or sent away in some W.A. mission bale.

There are some other things we would like to enquire about, and understand, but perhaps the above five questions will be enough for the present.