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# St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

## Monthly : Notes.

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### SERVICE ACCOUNT.

JANUARY, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	
Offertory (average, \$30.48).....	\$152 39
Epiphany Collection.....	12 00
Organ Fund.....	66 00
Balance 31st January .....	109 06
	\$339 45
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance 31st December .....	\$114 58
Clerical Stipend .....	62 50
Sexton's Salary .....	20 00
Lighting .....	15 84
Water Rate .....	2 97
Choir .....	1 56
Repairs .....	12 63
Offertory Envelopes .....	12 50
Account debt .....	10 00
Interest .....	0 60
Epiphany Collection.....	12 00
On account Organ .....	74 30
	\$339 45

The offertory for the corresponding period last year was \$197; average \$29.40. A falling off of nearly 25 per cent., with an increased congregation, is rather a serious matter. The Epiphany collection in 1897 was, inclusive of a special donation of \$5, \$23.40, which sum, although very inadequate as a contribution to mission work from this congregation, is this year reduced by one-half.

The above payment on the organ fund reduces the debt on it to \$200 with interest all paid. What are the ladies intending to do towards a further payment?

The furniture of the chapel has had an important enrichment—a handsome carved oak retable, the gift, design and workmanship of Miss Pidcock. A neat dossal curtain has also been given, and brightens the little chancel greatly.

The Scottish proverb, "many mickles mak' a muckle," has been well illustrated by Miss Playter's Infant Class in the Sunday School, who have added to their former gifts to St. Hilda's Church a contribution of \$40 towards an organ,

made up by four thousand cents raised by the little ones during last year.

In the list of Inter-Diocesan Sunday School Examinations for Advent, 1897, the following names of scholars in St. Alban's Sunday School appear:—

<i>Fourth Prize:</i>	
Carrie Hamilton .....	87%
<i>First Class Certificates:</i>	
Floy Hamilton .....	84%
Ethel Ward.....	83%
<i>Second Class Certificates:</i>	
Kate Cross .....	64%
Hester Padden .....	55%
William George .....	51%
<i>Passed:</i>	
Mary Vatcher.....	41%

Wednesday evening, Jan. 12th, the Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman held their annual entertainment for the choir in the crypt of the cathedral. Amusement for the boys was provided by various games, with a concert by the phonograph and gramophone given by Messrs. John Sweatman and Edward Kemp.

Advantage was taken of this occasion by the choir, both seniors and juniors, to give a present to the organist. Mr. Sexton was much surprised when called to the platform, where he was met by a presentation committee of four boys who moved from behind a screen a handsome cabinet escritoire. Mr. Kemp, on behalf of the committee, made the presentation, thanking Mr. Sexton for the very satisfactory manner in which he has presided at the organ for the past five years, and asking him to accept this gift as a mark of esteem from all the members of the choir. Mr. Sexton made a suitable reply, thanking his colleagues for their gift, which he declared pleased him more than anything else they could have chosen.

At the breaking up of the evening three hearty cheers, given by the boys for the Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman, testified to their thorough enjoyment of the entertainment.