

## MONTHLY NOTES

### ST. ALBAN'S SCHOOL.

The school closed for the Easter holidays on Thursday, the 30th March, and will open again on Monday, April 10.

During the past term twenty eight boys were in attendance, and on Monday we expect to have thirty-two. The boys have now a uniform cap with the Cathedral coat of arms on the front, which makes a very neat and appropriate headdress.

A number of the boys have intimated their intention of joining the choir, the ranks of which through various causes have somewhat thinned of late; and this addition coming from the school is very gratifying to all concerned in both organizations.

The following is a list of the first and second boys of each class. Results of work for month of March.

#### SENIOR THIRD BOOK

1st. Dudley Roden                      2nd. Humphrey Vernon

#### JUNIOR THIRD BOOK

1st. Owen Evans                        2nd. Gordon Stirling

#### SENIOR SECOND BOOK

1st Wm. Ince                              2nd. Fred Macdonald

#### JUNIOR SECOND BOOK

1st. John Macdonald                    2nd. Arthur Stanger

The Easter Music at St. Albans was excellent this year. Much praise is due the assiduous and talented leader: the Organist and others, for their devotion to the melody of the Church. It was a most gracious act for Miss Carmichael to enrich the occasion by her beautiful and cultivated voice.

The Cricket Club of St. Alban's recently held its annual Meeting. It was well attended and the report gave a good account of the standing and success of their club. Forty members—all debts paid—a balance to credit and great enthusiasm for the coming season, well entitled the former officers to be re-elected. Every lover of this game (and what Englishman is not) especially in the district of St. Alban's, should throw his zeal into this Club and make it famous. The founder Mr. Mathews, so earnest and devoted to all that pertains to the welfare of St. Alban's, will gladly enroll new members.

The year 1900 is within sight. What can be done for a fitting memorial of the occasion in St. Alban's—the Cathedral Church of the diocese. Suggestions will be gladly received and published in our Notes. Early arrangements will ensure greater success.

St. Alban's Cathedral will gladly receive from some generous churchman or churchwoman a new BELL. One of a rich tone would thrill the district, and all classes share in the joys imparted by this messenger of solace and peace.

The Royal Standard graces many a Cathedral and it would be a gracious act for the young Ladies of the congregation to present St. Alban's with one worthy of their handiwork, and of the glorious history it is at all times the emblem.

An act will be introduced at the Dominion Parliament this session to make it a criminal offence for any Clergyman to take part in elections whether on the public platform or from their pulpits.

### EVERY DAY SABBATH SOMEWHERE

By different nations every day in the week is set apart for public worship—Sunday by the Christian Monday by the Greeks, Tuesday by the Persians, Wednesday by the Assyrians, Thursday by the Egyptians, Friday by the Turks, and Saturday by the Jews.

### THE CHILDREN OF THE CHAPEL

#### The little Singing Boys of the Chapel Royal

It is surprising how few people know anything of the very unique services that are held occasionally in the private chapel in St. James, Palace. Of the millions who visit the city every year on sight-seeing bent, only an odd one here and there ever enters the old grey palace in Pall Mall.

As a matter of fact, orders of admission can invariably be obtained from the Lord Chamberlain for the midday service on Sunday. It need hardly be said that the music rendered is some of the finest in London. But that is not the only interest in the place. One of the quaintest sights in connection with the splendor of our court is the handful of little singing boys who are officially known as "the children of the Chapel."

These boys, ten in number, are educated and generally maintained by Her Majesty during their term of office. They enter the chapel at about ten years of age, and remain there till their voices break, usually at about fifteen years of age.

The Chapel Royal, St. James' dates a long way back into history, and many of the antique customs are maintained to this day—notably the dress worn by "the Children." Their undress uniform has a semi-military appearance, being of dark blue cloth with scarlet pipings and gilt buttons; though the little Eton jacket and ordinary college cap proclaim the fact that it is a scholastic, rather than a military uniform.

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