

MONTHLY NOTES

SERVICE ACCOUNT—FEBRUARY, 1902.

RECEIPTS.	
Offeritory : average \$36.30	\$145 21
Balance, 28th February	50 76
	\$195 97
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 1st February	\$72 60
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	25 00
" Expenses	1 25
Choir	3 50
Fuel	23 46
Lighting	4 16
Printing Monthly Notes	3 50
	\$195 97

The Treasurer desires us to remind the congregation that the last Sunday of the present month will be Easter Day. It has been our custom to rely upon the Easter offertory to meet such expenditures as the ordinary weekly offertories do not adequately provide for, and there is usually a generous giving. This year we are particularly in need of a large offertory, for we began the year with a treasury in debt, the Christmas offertory was especially appropriated, and our one especially burdensome expense, viz., fuel, is this year a very large one as the coal has been much higher in price. The offertories have increased during the past quarter, but we have not as yet been able to extinguish the treasurer's adverse balance. We require at least \$150 on Easter Day.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Immediately before the beginning of Lent, an open letter was issued by the Cathedral Clergy to the congregation, with a list of services to be held during Lent, outlining a season of much activity, which is being assiduously carried on, and which we feel assured is being of great advantage to the congregation. We think it well to direct attention especially to the services arranged for Holy Week, including Good Friday and Easter Day.

Immediately after Easter a confirmation class is to be formed.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL BRANCH W.A.

It is customary for the ladies of St. Alban's Branch W.A. to send off before the holidays the clothing and other useful articles that have been made by them in aid of Missions. In the early part of the season Canon Harding of Apsley was the favoured one. So generous was the supply that it required a barrel and a bundle to contain all the good things sent, quilts, clothing and medicines, besides a goodly quantity of books, toys, dolls and candies, donated by the Junior Branch, and intended for the Christmas tree.

The next bale is to be sent to the Rev. W. G. White, for St. Andrew's Mission at Lesser Slave Lake, near Edmonton in Alberta.

The preacher on Sunday morning, 2nd March, was the Rev. H. E. Fox, Prebendary of St. Paul's, London, England, Honorary Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, who had come out to Canada to attend the International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions held in Toronto from 26th February to 2nd March.

On this occasion was observed for the first time in St. Alban's the English Cathedral practice of the preacher being escorted to and from the pulpit by a vergier. The verge, however, which is carried on such occasions, was wanting, as we do not at present possess such an article.

CANON'S STALLS.

It has been commonly "expected" in St. Alban's that each Canon, or Lay Member, first appointed to a stall should either himself or with the aid of friends (for there are few of our clergy able to bear the charge themselves unaided), defray the cost of the erection of his stall. A number of the stalls have been thus provided for, but others yet remain not paid for. It would, of course, be undesirable under the circumstances of the church in this Diocese to make any binding rule, or even "expect" anything of a new Canon or Lay Member other than what he may himself think proper to do or not to do. The idea, however, is one quite in accordance with ancient custom in some cathedrals in England, where Canons, on installation, were called upon for heavy payments. In our case where a stall is already erected and paid for, a new occupant might be reasonably "expected" to provide or add to a fund for its endowment. The initial cost of a stall is \$100. If each new occupant, or his friends, should see fit to give a similar sum, a nucleus would be formed upon which an endowment could be built up.

For an example of such payments we might instance an ancient custom or rule of Lichfield, where a new Canon, besides expenses, paid a fee which would be equal to about \$600 of our money.