

MONTHLY NOTES.

central point or first purpose of all that is designed is a world-wide thanksgiving on the part of the Queen herself and the one-fourth of the world's inhabitants who compose her people. This alone, apart from the great assemblage of princes of all nations, many of them subjects and vassals of the Queen-Empress, and the great ones of the Empire, and the imposing retinues which accompany them, makes the occasion one of importance without precedent.

The celebration being thus, as we have endeavoured to point out, primarily of a religious character, the many thousands of churches throughout the Empire will recognize the propriety of special features in the services on Sunday, 20th inst. In St. Alban's we intend to take what modest part we may in striving to do honour to the Queen and all that she represents, not only in the services and music, but also in the minor item of appropriate decoration of the edifice.

For this latter purpose we must incur some expense, towards which we would be glad to receive special contributions, so that it should not require to be paid out of ordinary income. The amount required is not large, and small subscriptions will be sufficient.

The quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held on 13th May. The result of the first quarter of the Bishop's Envelope System was announced as follows:—

Receipts from Toronto Rural Deanery	\$204 42
" Country Congregations	54 00
Donations	97 00
Making a total of	\$355 42
Expenses incurred amounted to	48 42
Making the net receipts	\$307 00

The annual service of the Sunday School Association was held in the Cathedral on Thursday evening, 20th May, Rev. Canons Cayley, Mockridge and Sweeny, and Rev. C. H. Shortt, taking part in the service, and Bishop Sullivan being the preacher.

In our last number we asked for a new offertory plate and new offertory bags for the choir. Within a week after the issue of the Notes, the former was handed to his Lordship, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Æmilius Baldwin; which was followed also by new bags for the choir from Miss Maclure.

The financial position of St. Alban's Cathedral is a thing which people who do not belong to the Church find it extremely difficult to understand. They compare the amount of the debt with the ability per capita of Church people to pay it, and wonder why it is not paid. The *Canadian Churchman*, in a recent number gives the number of persons who communicated in 28 city and suburban churches on Easter Day, amounting to 8,266. If each communicant contributed through the Bishop's quarterly envelopes, which is a mode of contributing within the power of even the very poor, our debts and difficulties would very soon become things of the past. It is not surprising that our good friends without the pale think that we are queer people.

The annual meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Athletic Club will be held in the crypt of the Cathedral on St. Alban's Day, June 17th, at 8 p.m. All the members are requested to attend as the election of officers takes place. Attention is drawn to the fact that the fees fall due on that date, and as funds are low the members are requested to remit promptly.

R. E. PACK, *Secretary*.

The Athletic Club grounds which have been greatly improved this spring were the scene of a small gathering of cricket enthusiasts on Saturday afternoon, May 29th, when the opening match of the season took place, the opposing team, Gordon, McKay Co., being beaten by the small margin of seven runs. Taking into consideration the small amount of practice that the members have been able to obtain, this is a very fair start off to a season which we hope will be as successful as the last.

Mr. Kemp will be pleased to receive applications from three or four men to reinforce the choir.

These are the choir boys who built the fence: William Atkinson, Hubert Baylis, Fred Curzon, Ernest Bruce, Frank Hamilton, Robert Jessop, Lyal Jessop, Louis Klingner, Harold Klingner, Herbert Ledger, Cuthbert Pack, Allan Perry, Thomas Stiff, Charles Stuart, Ernest Turner, Charles Ward, Austin Fellowes, Sydney Fellowes.

The fence which the choir boys built is that which now encloses the Cathedral close. A party of these boys, with Mr. E. Matthews and Mr. Harold Carter assembled one Saturday afternoon, and the postholes having been previously dug, built 400 feet of board fence. The following Saturday afternoon, another party, with Mr. Matthews, Mr. Carter and Mr. Ralph E. Pack, built another 400 feet. The remainder, 300 feet, has since been in a couple of evenings; in this work Robert Curzon and Charley Sweatman took part.