

MONTHLY NOTES

nizing none other than our Lord as Its Founder, appreciating to the full the inestimable advantages of its system and methods and having an intelligent and reverent interest in its beautiful and inspiring Liturgy and Ritual. We shall then find out the full meaning of those things that at present we understand but darkly, and with this increased knowledge will come a greater love for God and a desire to do all things more and more to His glory. We cannot separate God from His Church, and the more we learn about the Church the better shall we be able to comprehend the Wisdom and Love of God.

JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS

A Bible Class has lately been started for boys who have left the Sunday School but hardly care to join the Men's Bible Class. We know there are many boys who attend St. Alban's who are quite eligible for this class and we very much wish they would attend, it is held in the Library at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. All information regarding it can be obtained from Mr. Frank Hamilton, 240 Borden Street. PLEASE Boys think seriously of this, we want you all to come.

A PECULIAR POSITION

The men of St. Alban's Cathedral congregation are in a very peculiar position, above all men in the Diocese we imagine these would especially be interested in the upbuilding of our Cathedral, and yet being members of a Cathedral Congregation and consequently in no way attached to a parish Church, they are absolutely disenfranchised. It is true they are not called upon to pay Synod Dues and assessments but at the same time the privileges of proper representation at the Synod would far out weigh any responsibilities such representation would entail; and it is certainly worth while to find out some way of attaining that end. If the Canons of the Cathedral positively forbid any arrangement by which we can secure proper representation at the Synod, surely every man attending the Cathedral, could subscribe his name to the list of voters at the vestry meeting of the Church in the Parish of which he resides, we believe the declaration to be signed would not be any obstacle. Communicating NOT less than three times a year legally entitles one to be called a "regular communicant" and we certainly should not be attaching ourselves to any other PARISH Church by attending the Cathedral services as regularly as heretofore. Of course it is too late to take any action THIS year, but at least the idea is worth thinking seriously about. Two or three aggressive men at the Vestry meetings of the Churches in our vicinity could work a marvellous change in influencing the minds of their fellow Churchmen, and we sincerely hope that some definite action will be taken before next Year.

ANNUAL REPORT, WOMEN'S AUXILLARY, 1899

There is nothing of great importance to record in our work during the past year, Though 4 new associates have joined the Branch, others have left, so our numbers continue about the same. 24 working members, 9 honorary.

Our working parties are not well attended, the average attendance being only 10. A bale of clothing was sent to the

Rev. E. Soward of Kinmount in December, together with presents for the xmas tree. The Branch is hoping to send a parcel of clothing to the Rev. H. Robinson's motherless children at Lesser Slave Lake, and a small bale to the St. Andrews Mission conducted by the Rev. E. White of White Fish Lake Athabasca. This mission is purely Indian. They have a small church nearly finished. The place is about 240 miles from Athabasca Landing, the bales go by the Athabasca River to Lesser Slave Lake and from thence to White Fish Lake. A most kind letter from Bishop Young on the subject has been received by the Branch.

Through the exertions of our 1st Vice President the number of those who take in the Leaflet has been increased and there are now 40 copies distributed monthly.

The two great features of the season have been, the establishing of the Parochial Mission Collection in the District, and the entertaining for the first time of the Diocesan Board in the Crypt of the Cathedral.

At present the system adopted for the Parochial Mission Collection answers. Nine ladies call at the different houses of the regular Church goers to collect each month. In January, \$27.60 was sent in, in February, \$15.00, in March, \$11.48. Each month the sum varies on account of some subscriptions being yearly, quarterly or monthly.

On January 12th the Diocesan Board met in the Crypt of St. Alban's. The meeting was the most successful, and the luncheon given by the members of the St. Alban's Branch was highly praised.

SERVICE ACCOUNT

MARCH, 1899

RECEIPTS

Offertory: Average \$34.43.....	\$137 74
" Diocesan Missions.....	1 00
" Hospital and Jail Chaplain.....	1 00
" Good Friday—for the Jews.....	9 61
Interest Account.....	33 75
Balance, 31st March.....	95 60

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EXPENDITURE

Balance 28th February.....	\$ 96 21
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Choir: Casing for Piano.....	5 14
" Washing Surplices.....	3 50
Repairs.....	1 60
" Plumbing and Heating fittings.....	29 30
Sexton Sundries.....	2 34
Interest.....	44 50
" Paid to Bishop's Fund.....	2 00
Synod—for Diocesan Missions.....	1 00
Goal Chaplain, per Rev. A. U. de Pencier.....	1 00
D. Kemp, for Jewish Missions.....	9 61

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