

KALENDAR.

- December 1. *The Queen's Birthday*
 6. **2nd Sunday in Advent.**
 13. **3rd Sunday in Advent**
 18. Friday)
 19. Saturday) *Ember Days*
 20. **4th Sunday in Advent**
 21. S. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr
 25. **Christmas Day**
 26. S. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
 27. **1st Sunday after Christmas**
 S. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 28. Innocent's Day
 January 1. Friday. **Circumcision**
 3. **2nd Sunday after Christmas**
 6. Wednesday. **Epiphany**

SERVICE ACCOUNT

NOVEMBER.

RECEIPTS.

Offertry: Average \$44.81	\$224 06
" Prison Work	20 20
Balance, 30th November	65 29
	\$309 55

EXPENDITURE.

Balance, 1st November	\$ 61 00
Clerical Stipends	83 33
Sexton's Salary	25 00
" Assistance during illness	10 00
" Expenses	1 85
Choir	1 78
Lighting	86
Water rates	2 60
Offertry. Envelopes for 1904	15 75
Synod: For Prison Work	20 20
Taxes (Howland Avenue)	79 50
Printing	7 50
	\$309 55

CHAPTER MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held on Friday, 13th November, when the usual Treasurer's Reports and Financial Statements were presented.

A resolution was passed that the stipend of the Canon-in-charge should be \$1,000 a year. This has been made necessary by changes in the school staff consequent upon an increase in the number of boys in the school, a master having been appointed who gives his whole time to the school, and thus relieving Canon Macnab of the duties hitherto performed by him, and of course making so much more time at his disposal for work in connection with the congregation.

On the invitation of the Clergy and Officers of the Cathedral, a large number of the members of the congregation assembled at a social gathering in the Crypt, on Wednesday evening, 18th November. The guests were received by the Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman, and by Canon and Mrs. Macnab. Vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc, helped to make up a pleasant entertainment. The ladies of the local Branches of the W.A. provided refreshments.

The congregation is reminded of the Christmas offertory, which will take the form of a personal gift to the Rev. Canon-in-charge. The Treasurer hopes that he may be able to present to him, on behalf of the congregation, a generous gift.

A recent complaint in a Church-paper of the neglect of a clergyman to become acquainted with a person who had been for some time an attendant at his Church, and a communicant, was very properly answered by pointing out that it was the neglected person who was really at fault, for it was her duty, when intending to be a partaker of the Communion—we will say a regular communicant, although the rubric is not so restricted—to "signify her name" to the Curate beforehand. One great difficulty which the clergyman of a church in a city, where there is so much coming and going, has to contend with, is the difficulty of getting to know all the people personally. To expect him to take a bird's-eye view of the congregation and observe the presence of strangers and new-comers, is to look for something which is manifestly quite out of the question. During the services he has something else to do, and quite enough to occupy his thoughts and attention to the fullest extent. In a church where the modern (and most objectionable) custom of letting seats is practised, the clergyman may be considered to have performed his duty, *after a fashion*, when he has become acquainted with the seat-holders, but where the seats are free, although he may use his utmost endeavours to know all who attend the services, it is scarcely possible for him to reach every one. In St Alban's the request has been made again and again to people attending the services, and who have not been called upon, to give their names and addresses. If any omit to do so, they cannot complain of neglect if the clergy do not succeed in finding them. The case of those who fall sick is similiar. The clergyman is quite unable to see all who are present at every service, and to note absentees, nor is it possible for him to know, by intuition, as sometimes seems to be expected, when a member of the congregation is sick, nor can keep himself daily informed of all the people and how they are doing, however anxious he may be to fully perform all the duties of his cure.

Mrs. Amsden wishes to secure some more subscribers to the Altar Fund, the present limited number of subscribers being inadequate to provide for the expenses. Only a small amount from each subscriber is asked for.

Some exceptionally good photographs have been taken of the Cathedral; one of the exterior, which is much the best which has ever been taken, and several of the interior. The Bishop and Canon Macnab, or either together or one alone, appear in each one, and those in which the Bishop alone appears shew an excellent likeness of his Lordship. The photographs are large in size, and small in price, only 50 cents. They may be seen, and copies ordered, in the Library.

Picture post cards are a prevailing fashion of the day. Have you seen those of St. Alban's, to be had at the General Post Office or at the Branch Post Office at the corner of Bathurst and Bloor Streets?