

## MONTHLY NOTES

in this respect, to cast upon others the burthen of providing me with the ministrations of religion, when God has enabled me to assist in providing them for myself, and possibly for others who are not as well off as I am.

4. Because I know, that whether I am present or absent from Church the expenses of carrying on the services are the same; and if I do not contribute on the Envelope System, I might forget to make up for those occasions when I have given nothing, or less than I ought, or omitted to send my offering.

5. Because I want to give more, rather than less, than the sum which—being my own judge—I think I ought to give.

The accounts, being kept by means of numbers on the Envelopes, the amount of each person's contribution is known only to himself and the Treasurer.

The following letter from The Queen to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be forwarded by them to every Diocesan Bishop in their Province, will be read with deep interest by all loyal Church people.

VICTORIA R.

Most Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Councillor We greet you well!

Whereas a large portion of our Forces is presently engaged in operations of War in South Africa by reason of which many men must We grieve to think lose their lives and even a greater number be wounded:

And whereas it has been represented unto Us

That many of those so engaged have left at home wives and families dependent upon them:

That large sums of money are needed in order not only that special care may be given to the sick and wounded on the field of battle, but also that assistance may be rendered to those who are disabled in after-life, and succour offered to the women and children who may either be separated for a time from their husbands and fathers, or have to endure the great loss which makes them widows and orphans:

That Funds for the purposes aforesaid have been set on foot to which contributions of no small amount have been made by all classes of Our people: and

That if We were pleased to issue Our Royal Letters authorizing a general Collection throughout the Churches of England and Wales the Funds aforesaid would be greatly increased as is most desirable:

We taking the same into Our Royal Consideration and being always ready to give the best encouragement and countenance to any movement which may tend to show the approval and high regard felt by Ourselves and by Our whole Empire for loyalty and devotion to duty such as is now being manifested in South Africa, are graciously pleased to condescend to the prayer which has been addressed to Us on behalf of the Church of England, and do hereby direct you that these Our Letters be communicated to the several Suffragan Bishops within your Province, expressly re-

quiring them to take care that publication be made thereof in such manner within their respective Diocese as the said Bishop shall direct; and that upon this occasion the Minister in each Parish do effectually excite his Parishioners to a liberal contribution which shall be collected in the Church on Sunday, the Seventh day of January next ensuing, or if that day be inconvenient on any other Sunday which the said Bishops shall appoint; and that the said Ministers do cause the sums so collected to be paid immediately to Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved the Lord Mayor of Our City of London to be accounted for by him, and to be bestowed amongst the Funds aforesaid in such manner as you and Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Councillor the Lord Archbishop of York shall in your joint discretion appoint for the furtherance of the above mentioned good designs.

And so We bid you heartily Farewell.

His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan, has been pleased to appoint Sunday, February 11th, Septuagesima Sunday, as the day upon which all our people of this Ecclesiastical Province shall be called upon to meet in solemn service, with the especial object of a united acknowledgement of the power and wisdom of Almighty God, and of seeking that He in His mercy and goodness, will bring the present unhappy war to a right and lasting peace, and over-rule all things in this world of sin and sorrow to the enlargement of His blessed kingdom."

In accordance with the above direction our Bishop has authorized special Psalms, Lessons and Prayers to be used throughout the Diocese on that day, and in his words we "Trust that you will make use of this opportunity" for "confession and humiliation, and in earnest supplication for God's blessing on our soldiers and sailors, His consolation to the wounded and the bereaved and His support and assistance to those who minister to them, whether doctors, chaplains or nurses."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The Annual Sunday School Entertainment, and distribution of prizes, was held in the Crypt on Wednesday 17th January. After tea, to which ample justice was done, several recitations were given, followed by capital exhibition of musical drill under the guiding hand of Mrs. and Miss Turner; the Bishop then distributed the prizes and congratulated the School on its good standing. Then followed the feature of the evening, namely, the Punch and Judy show, which had the effect of amusing young and old for over an hour. This brought a most successful and thoroughly enjoyable children's entertainment to a close, and we feel sure that every child present went away with the regret that twelve long months must pass before next years festivities.

The Chapter gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$2.00 from M. P. towards the debt fund of St. Alban's Cathedral.