

MONTHLY NOTES

SERVICE ACCOUNT—NOVEMBER.

RECEIPTS.	
Offertory : average \$28.75	\$115 00
" Poor Fund	1 61
" Italian Mission	1 03
Balance, 30th November	23 00
	\$140 61
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 1st November	\$ 31 90
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Choir	3 33
Lighting	53
Printing : Monthly Notes, 2 mos.	6 00
Offertory Calendars for 1901	11 35
	\$140 61

About a year ago, when we were making extensive repairs to the Cathedral, there were several matters discussed, but it was not thought advisable to undertake too much at that time, and they were put off for future consideration. During the past summer a portion of these deferred matters became a necessity, and were undertaken and carried out at a cost of \$130.00, for which no funds on current account were available, and the special repairs account unavoidably incurred a debt to that amount. For this, and for the fuel account, heavier this year than usual in consequence of increased price, the Treasurer finds it necessary to ask the congregation to give liberally in the Christmas Offertory, which is relied upon to meet these expenses.

The offertory envelopes for 1901 are expected to arrive earlier than usual, and may be ready for distribution before the first Sunday of January.

As the donations made in this way are made, generally speaking, with regularity and reasonable certainty, they constitute the substantial part of our income, which, if we had to rely wholly upon the uncertain methods of giving—or *not* giving, as it may happen—would be apt to fall far short of our needs, which, even as it is, we find it difficult to meet as they arise. Members of the congregation are therefore urged to continue this method of giving; and, where there is the ability to give more liberally, as there surely is in some cases, it is hoped that the amounts promised may be increased.

The number of givers is less than we think reasonable to expect; therefore it is hoped that new names will be added to the list for 1901.

It is requested that as many of the young people of the congregation as are able to do so, will attend on Monday, 24th December, to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. If some, at least, could arrange with one another to meet in the forenoon, and others with less time to spare, as early as possible in the afternoon, "many hands" might make "light work." Last year there were but few who attended, and consequently the willing and faithful few who did attend had more to do than was their reasonable share. Every young person, male or female, who can arrange to do so, should help in this work.

Mr. Kemp has lately received, by way of anonymous letters, some advice with regard to managing, teaching and conducting the Choir, style of music and manner of its performance, and so on. Mr. Kemp desires us to say that he is pleased to find that people take an interest in the choir and its work, and is ready to discuss any question which any well-wisher may desire to bring forward for discussion, but that under no circumstances will any attention whatever be paid to anonymous communications.

The Choir, by request of the Faculty, attended and took part in the afternoon service in Trinity College Chapel on Advent Sunday. The Bishop, who was present, expressed himself as much pleased with the way in which the service was rendered. There was a good congregation, among whom were several persons of our congregation. After the service the members of the Choir were invited to remain and were hospitably entertained in the College.

The Girls' Auxiliary Concert, on the 15th November, was very successful. The amount realized was more than sufficient for the purpose for which it was required.

The St. Alban's Tennis Club entertained their friends at a concert, followed by an exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works, in the Crypt on the evening of 29th November. The attendance was large, and the entertainment was in every way successful.