

MONTHLY NOTES

demand upon them in a manner which we claim to be very creditable to so small a body. When the unavoidable necessity of executing these repairs appeared, it was felt that a demand for \$400.00 to be immediately forthcoming rather a formidable call upon a congregation which has found it difficult hitherto to reduce its debt by even \$100.00.

We believe it is not desired by the subscribers especially those who have made generous gifts, of whom there are several, that the subscription list of names and amounts would be published, but we hope when the list is complete to at least announce the names.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREWS

Mr. Loosemore, of St. Thomas' Chapter, is with the second Canadian contingent going to South Africa, and we understand the Brotherhood is represented by men from other parts of the Dominion.

WOMANS' AUXILIARY

One of the most notable events that has occurred in its history, took place at St. James Cathedral, on Thursday, January 11th; the occasion being a special celebration of the Holy Communion, and the presentation of the Nineteenth Century Fund at the offertory preceding it.

Men of business know how difficult it is to bring together two or three hundred of their number, for any such purpose, during business hours; and if we mistake not the yearly celebration in the same church, for the members of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, does not bring together enough men to reach the latter figure.

On this occasion however, the Church of England ladies who have identified themselves with the "Woman's Auxiliary" came forward in such numbers, as to put the best efforts of the "Brotherhood" in the shade; and almost proved, that in matters of religion, women are often more earnest and conscientious than men.

To an onlooker it was an inspiring scene, to witness six hundred women, drawn together by a common impulse, offering before God that which they had freely given for His service, and immediately afterwards re-dedicating themselves, soul and body, to Him, in that most sacred rite that their own beloved Lord had instituted, just before His death.

The offertory, amounting to about fourteen hundred dollars, made up of twenty five cent contributions, by members of the Auxiliary and their friends, was an evidence of the sincerity of their efforts, and a gratifying indication of what can be done in small contributions, by united effort; and we have no doubt that the money will be judiciously applied.

Turning now to the affairs of our own Branch, we may state that a cordial letter of thanks has been received from Rev. Mr. Lord, of Apsley, for the barrel of useful articles sent to his mission last December.

It is understood that the preparation of another bale is now under way by these indefatigable ladies; and that when completed, (perhaps in April) it will be forwarded to one of the outlying missions in our great North-west; where it will doubtless awaken feelings of gratitude in some breasts, that may develop into life-long devotion to the cause of our adorable Redeemer.

It must be very gratifying to the officers, that the attendance of ladies at these weekly meetings, has been almost uniformly good; giving undeniable evidence of the loyal good wishes of all the ladies, in the affairs of St. Alban's Cathedral.

WHY WE SHOULD MAKE REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

1. Because St. Paul enjoins us to lay up on the first day of the week (Sunday) as God has prospered us for the work of God. 1 Cor. 16, 2.

2. Because a week is the natural division of time for arranging our current income and expenditure; and the demands of religion should, of right, hold a prominent place in such arrangements.

3. Because with many of us, our weekly income is a fixed sum; and such being the case, we cannot leave the amount of our offering to our Great Benefactor, to be decided by the whim of the moment, or the chance possession of a small silver coin, without injury to our own spiritual growth, and slighting our Great Father in heaven.

4. Because the regular and systematic apportioning of our income to such purposes, and in such amounts as our enlightened judgement commends, goes a long way towards attaining one of the greatest victories that can be achieved by mortal man; the mastery over ourselves.

5. Because such a system has been practised, as far as religion is concerned, by many of the most exalted characters of ancient and modern times.

6. Because through this means, those in control of church affairs, can so regulate their expenditure so as to keep within their income.

7. Because Almsgiving is an act of worship.

From these considerations it would appear that the weekly offering of a regular amount, through the envelope system as provided in our church, is by far the most satisfactory way of doing our share, in maintaining the services of St. Alban's.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

The following are among other reasons for contributing on this system—

1. Because it is my duty, as a member of this Congregation, to give as God hath prospered me, towards the maintenance of His worship in this Cathedral Church.

2. Because I want to give systematically.

3. Because I am unwilling, by neglecting my duty