

KALENDAR.

- May 1. Monday. *SS. Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs.*
 7. **Sunday, 2nd after Easter.**
 14. " **3rd** " "
 21. " **4th** " "
 24. Wednesday, Empire Day.
 26. Friday, Princess of Wales' Brithday.
 28. **Sunday, 5th after Easter.**
 29. 30, 31, Rogation Days.
 June 1. Thursday, **Ascension Day.**
 3. Saturday, Prince of Wales' Birthday.
 4. **Sunday after Ascension.**

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

APRIL.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory: Average \$60.17.....	\$300 87
" Easter, \$318.59 (less Envelopes included in ordinary offertory, \$48.65).....	269 94
" Good Friday.....	29 16
" for Debt.....	5 00
" Missions.....	10 25
" do. Diocesan.....	7 00
Balance.....	80 14
	\$702 36

EXPENDITURE.

Balance, 1st April.....	\$ 70 24
Clerical Stipends.....	104 16
Organist's Salary.....	37 50
Vergers' fees.....	6 50
Sexton and Assistants.....	35 80
Choir.....	10 50
Lighting.....	34 91
Fuel account.....	244 59
Water.....	2 75
Printing.....	15 00
Synod for Jewish Missions—	
Bishop Blythe's \$21.80, London Society \$7.36..	29 16
Treasurer for debt.....	5 00
" " interest fund.....	20 00
Episcopal Endowment Fund (Third instalment, leaving two instalments of \$60 each, payable in 1906 and 1907).....	69 00
M.S.C.C.....	10 25
Synod for Diocesan Missions.....	7 00
	\$702 36

THE BISHOP.

Since our last issue of the MONTHLY NOTES the Bishop has undergone a painful and severe operation. On Sunday, 9th April, he took part in the services of the Cathedral and seemed in usual health with the exception of a cold. On the following evening he was seized with a very sudden and serious attack of illness which necessitated an immediate operation. In the middle of the night he was removed to the General Hospital, in charge of Drs. Harrington and Grasset, where the operation was successfully performed. Any delay might have resulted in blood poisoning with probably fatal results. During the weeks of his illness prayers were daily offered for him in the Cathedral as well as in the Churches throughout the Diocese. And

the prayers of the faithful on his behalf (as in the case of King Edward when stricken down suddenly) seem to have been wonderfully answered. From the operation, severe and dangerous as it was, the good Bishop has had a marvellous recovery. With all due consideration for skilful medical treatment and careful nursing which mean so much in such a case, we must also feel that our prayers have not been uttered in vain. Every day there has been steady advance towards recovery, and now our readers will rejoice to hear that the distinguished patient is pronounced convalescent, and hopes in a week or two to be with us once more in restored health, and better for the enforced rest from Diocesan labours.

On Wednesday in Holy week the Canon-in-Charge administered Holy Communion to him at the Hospital, and on Tuesday in Easter Week, His Excellency the Governor-General accompanied by his charming daughter, Lady Sybil Grey, paid him an informal visit and congratulated him on his splendid recovery. The Vice-regal party were received by Mrs. Sweatman and Canon Macnab. The kindness and sympathy of Church friends in the City have been manifested in many ways during the Bishop's illness, and his private ward at the Hospital was a perfect bower of flowers and loving tokens of esteem. The Doctors and Nurses declare they never had a more obedient patient, nor one who more thoroughly appreciated their care and attention. His Lordship returned to the See House on Saturday 29th inst., and expects to carry out his projected trip to England the latter part of June.

Three mural tablets of brass have been erected in the choir, one to the memory of Arthur Robert Sweatman, another to Helen Elma Arthurs, and the other to Fanny Marion Grayson Smith.

Furnished with funds from the proceeds of Canon Macnab's Lecture, the ladies of the Altar Guild have provided themselves with a handsome Aumbry, or chest, for the care of the sacramental vessels and other articles in their charge, hitherto inadequately provided for. The Aumbry is of oak, elaborately fitted with drawers and lockers, and the principal front panel is decorated with carving executed by Miss Klingner.

The Bishop's chair in the chancel has been rendered more in keeping with its dignity of position and purpose, by the erection on it of handsomely carved pinnacles in place of the former plain ones. These are the work of Mr. Kay.

The first practical movement towards the extension of the present building has been made by the Boys of the School, who took the matter up a short time ago, and decided to try and have a "School pier" in the Crossing. They thereupon set to work very energetically to collect what they could in small sums, with the result that they reported at Easter \$210 in bank, and more to come in. They propose to do something every year, aiming at raising, in time, \$1,200.