

KALENDAR.

- Aug. 2. **Sunday, 7th after Trinity**
 9. " **8th** "
 16. " **9th** "
 23. " **10th** "
 24. **Monday, S. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr.**
 30. **Sunday, 11th after Trinity**

SERVICE ACCOUNT.—JULY, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	
●ffertory : Average \$37.69.....	\$150 77
Balance, 31st July.....	275 50
	\$426 33
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance 1st July.....	\$ 143 07
Clerical Stipends.....	125 00
Organist's Salary.....	41 67
Choir.....	21 50
Vergers, Sexton, etc.....	37 75
Lighting.....	29 41
Printing, &c.....	8 75
Repairs.....	13 70
Insurance.....	3 40
Water Rate.....	2 08
	\$426 33

The Offertory is usually expected to be small during the summer, but it is many years since it has been so small as it has been during the past two months. It has been quite insufficient to meet necessary current expenses.

The Archbishop is expected to arrive home about the end of August.

THE SITUATION

The first report of the Committee of Laymen appointed to deal with the question of the debt of the Cathedral was, that they had arranged with the mortgagees that \$20,600 of the principal should be regarded as charged on the school portion of the property and that the Cathedral with its site should be discharged from the indebtedness upon the payment of \$30,000, to the collection of which amount the Committee addressed itself.

Some four months ago, a proposal to purchase the entire school property was made on behalf of the Board of Education, and as this offer was generally known, the Committee deemed it impracticable, or at least undesirable, to continue their efforts to obtain further subscriptions, as the newspapers led people to suppose that a large price was to be paid for the property, sufficient in fact to provide for the entire debt, which, however, was not the case. The negotiations came to nothing.

The Committee had met with some disappointments in their work, and, at the same time, with much to encourage them. Some of the subscriptions received by them, however, were upon condition that the Cathedral property should be entirely free from its mortgage indebtedness.

More recently, a Committee appointed by the Chapter have made a sale of the school field to a private person for a price which will pay off the school portion of the mortgage debt, and a considerable amount of the remaining indebtedness of the Chapter. All the subscriptions paid in cash have been applied upon the Cathedral portion of the mortgage debt, and when a complete statement of the sum remaining to be collected for the Cathedral can be submitted, the Committee will, no doubt, resume its efforts.

The present situation is, roughly speaking, as follows:

From the proceeds of the property sold and of the collections of the Committee received and to be received, more than two-thirds of the Chapter's indebtedness will have been discharged.

The sale made of the school field, extending from Wells St. to a line drawn 30 feet north of the school building, leaves that building, with land 93 feet in frontage on Howland Avenue and the same on Albany Avenue; the whole block of Church property, Cathedral, See House and School Building, containing an area of nearly two and a half acres in extent.

It has been suggested that when the school gives up the building it would be useful as a Chapel and Chapter House, with rooms for the W.A. and other organizations, thus relieving the Cathedral building of the overcrowding which has prevailed in the past.

The Cathedral Sunday School Picnic and Annual Outing took place at Long Branch, July 7th, and was largely attended. The success of the affair was somewhat marred by a heavy storm of rain, and by the overcrowding of the picnic grounds by others using them. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the children and their friends carried out the programme of the day with their usual zest and enjoyment.

An interesting event of last month was the Baptism in the Cathedral of the infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Dunn. Canon Macnab performed the service, and the water used at the Baptism was from the river Jordan sent to the Canon by Mrs. Arthurs at the time of her visit to the Holy Land. At the same service the infant Son of Mr. Charles Smart, a former Chorister of S. Alban's, was baptized.

The Cathedral has received, per Canon Macnab, a generous donation of Five Gallons of Communion Wine for the year's consumption.

The Offertory at the service held at the conclusion of the Pan-Anglican Conference was about \$1,500,000. This Diocese may be fairly regarded as an average one between the rich of parts of the world and the poor of other parts, and therefore our contribution should have been the average amount of \$50,000. If the whole Diocese had contributed in proportion to the amount sent from St. Alban's, the gift of the Diocese would have been of about the average figure we have mentioned—but it was less than a fourth of that. There has been something lacking somewhere.