

This paper is issued at the beginning of every month. Its purpose is to be a record of events of local interest, and a medium of information to persons attending the services. Any member of the congregation having items of interest to contribute, will kindly drop such communications in the St. Andrew's box in the vestibule of the Church.

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RESIDENT CLERGY.

THE DEAN.—THE RIGHT REVEREND, THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE. See HOUSE.

THE PRIEST VICAR—REV. A. U. DE PENCIER, Well's Hill, head of Howland Ave.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion 8 a. m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Holy Communion, 11 a. m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a. m.

Evensong and Sermon at 7 p. m.

Sunday School at 3 p. m.

Young Women's Bible Class at 3 p. m. in the Chapel.

Bible Class, Men, at 4 p. m.

Baptisms at 4 o'clock (notice to be given.)

Evensong at half-past 5 in the Chapel *daily*.

The regular Meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is held in the Chapel every ~~Sunday~~ ^{One} Sunday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock and the Girls' Branch at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. The Junior branch meets at 11 o'clock each Saturday morning.

The Chancel and Altar Guilds respectively, meet on notice.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew holds the regular Chapter meeting at half-past 9 o'clock in the morning the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the Chapel of the Cathedral.

Be constant at the services of the Church. It is a gracious privilege. *Come!* because it is a duty you owe to yourself—your family—your friends—to the *indifferent*. Consciously and unconsciously beneficial influences will be the result.

A RETROSPECT.

Sometimes it is interesting, in connection with our Church work, to take a glance at the past; we often find that by so doing we gather strength for the work that lies before us.

When the foundation stone of St. Alban's Cathedral was laid, I remember seeing one of the members of St. Andrew's Council now located there, march in a Sunday-school procession that crossed the then vacant lots from Bathurst and Bloor Streets to the temporary platform that had been erected for the ceremony; and as this teacher from one of the down-town churches, tramped across the uneven ground, it is not difficult to believe that he thought of this attempt to build a diocesan church centre so far away from a possible congregation an extremely hazardous undertaking. Before, however, another year had passed, a small congregation had begun to worship in the south aisle, and a Sunday-School had been organized; a little later the Crypt was occupied and the congregation gradually increased; several years went by, each one witnessing increased numbers of worshippers and scholars; shortly afterwards St. Cyprian's Church was built, and the rector, with most of its congregation and Sunday-school, were supplied from St. Alban's. Thus depleted and deprived of an esteemed minister, St. Alban's, instead of sitting down in despair appeared to gather strength from misfortune, and set to work with renewed energy to gather an almost new congregation and Sunday-school. In due course the chancel was opened for Divine service, a priest-vicar appointed, and the uphill work of filling the empty seats and vacant classes continued. This was about six years ago, and during those years such effective work has been done that St. Alban's can now show a Sunday-school more flourishing than it ever had, and a congregation that far surpasses anything in its history, both as regards numbers and comparative wealth; and when we add that at the present time this Cathedral-Church maintains as many societies, and engages in as much genuine christian work (in proportion to its numerical strength) as any parish church in this diocese, it will