

MONTHLY NOTES

SERVICE ACCOUNT—FEBRUARY.

RECEIPTS.	
Offertory: average \$26.67	\$106 68
" Poor Fund	95
From School for Coal	30 00
Balance, 28th February	76 12
	\$213 75
EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 1st February	\$ 21 35
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Repairs to Furnace	34 60
Sundry Repairs	4 15
Sexton's Sundries	7 99
Choir Laundry	52
Fuel: on account	52 06
Lighting	93
Printing, Monthly Notes	3 00
Poor Fund	1 65
	\$213 75

The attention of the Congregation is called to the fact that our income has latterly been unequal to our necessary expenditure.

On February 5th, Miss Hill, well known as a constant and enthusiastic traveller, gave, in the crypt, a most interesting address, or rather, we should say, a lecture of a conversational character, on some of her experiences, and regarding some of the places she has visited in England, with special reference to Windsor Castle and to personal reminiscences of the late Queen. The lecture was illustrated by magic lantern views under the direction of Canon Macnab. The proceeds were given to the Cathedral debt fund. We are permitted to mention that the tickets used for the occasion were the gift of Mr. Parker.

The chapter met at the Cathedral on Thursday, 14th February. The proposed amalgamation of the schools was discussed, and a committee was appointed to meet any committee which the Church School might name.

In our last number, referring to the attendance of the Army and Navy Veterans at the special service on the day of the late Queen's funeral, we mentioned that

one of the members of that body had been present at Her Majesty's coronation, but we were in error in saying that he did not attend this service, at which he was in fact present, occupying a conspicuous seat, but he did not remain for His Lordship's inspection of the corps after the service. He is Color-Sergeant John Bilton, late 6th Foot.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. White, an occasional attendant at our services, who is familiar with the English town of St. Albans, the mayor of that town has sent out to His Lordship, to be set up or built into St. Alban's Cathedral in some way as a link connecting the old with the new, a Roman tile which formed part of a building in the ancient Verulamium. The date of the martyrdom of St. Alban is stated to have been A.D. 303, and as the Roman power in England had at that date begun to wane, it is not likely that the building would be of any later date. It may therefore be assumed, with every probability of its being correct, that the tile was actually in existence at the time of the martyrdom as part of a building standing but a short distance from the place where the martyrdom occurred. If the building was in fact the Forum, as is supposed, it would no doubt have been the scene of St. Alban's condemnation to death. We thus seem to be brought almost into touch with the Anglican proto-martyr whose name the Cathedral bears. The genuineness of the tile is certified by the following letter:

ST. MICHAEL'S VICARAGE, ST. ALBANS,
22nd January, 1901.

The Roman tile which accompanies this was taken from the wall (some four feet underground) of a very large Roman building which may have been the forum of the town of Verulamium. The building runs under the glebe meadow of this vicarage, and was partially opened up in the winter of 1899 and 1900.

(Signed) C. V. BICKNELL, Vicar.
HENRY J. TOULMIN,
Mayor of St. Albans.