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St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

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JANUARY, 1898.

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

DECEMBER, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory (average, \$36.50).....	\$146*36
" Christmas.....	54 91
Subscription for Interest.....	31 75
Balance 31st December.....	114 58
	\$347 60

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 30th November.....	\$81 44
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Organist's Salary.....	25 00
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Lighting.....	2 03
Choir.....	5 88
Repairs and Sundries.....	1 95
Electric light connection for Chapel.....	10 00
Rowse & Hutchison: Monthly Notes.....	22 25
Special (Charity), per the Dean.....	30 00
Christmas Decorations, etc.....	9 75
Interest.....	66 80
On account debt.....	10 00
	\$347 60

The Christmas offertory was very disappointing, much less than we expected.

Recent Church papers have contained pretty full accounts of Canon Macnab's work in England during the past year. We intended to have made some reference to this, but we cannot add anything to what has already appeared in print.

Mrs. Addenbrooke and Miss Pidcock, assisted by Mrs. T. H. Turner, have worked a handsome altar cloth for the Chapel.

To an anonymous donor is due the cieling of the choir room—a great improvement.

Rev. A. U. DePencier feels grateful to the many donors of books to form a choir library in response to his request, there having been received some thirty books. These, however, are not enough to enable the scheme to be carried out usefully, and it is greatly desired that many others may also join in contributing, and especially such books as are suitable for boys, such, for example, as Henty's. A gift of one, two or three

of such books, which are not expensive, would be but little to each donor; but a general response from the congregation would make up a useful library. Suitable books may be obtained at the S.P.C.K. book rooms (Church of England Publishing Company), No. 17 Richmond Street West, at very moderate prices.

A guest at their Excellencies' grand State Ball, in Christmas week, wore as a part of her costume a piece of about two yards of crimson plush, which, immediately after the Ball, she brought to the Cathedral, and with it re-upholstered the Bishop's chair, the velvet on which had become discoloured and shabby.

Apropos of the Ball, the *infallible* newspaper reporter was caught tripping on this occasion in his reference to his Lordship, who was described as arrayed in his episcopal robes, a statement which occasioned so much surprise among many who were not present at the Ball, that the newspapers hastened to explain that they meant academic robes. It might almost be said that any reference to the Church or the clergy in the newspapers is certain to be inaccurate.

Many people seem to be under the impression that churchwardens and treasurers have special facilities for disposing of uncurrent money. The fact is, however, that when the offertory receipts are paid into the bank they have to be carefully gone over, and American, or other foreign silver, if any is found, must be taken out and replaced with Canadian, for the banks will not receive such silver at any price. It therefore falls upon the treasurer personally to make such money good. The expense which this entails is not very great, and the treasurer does not object on that account, although he feels it to be a little unfair, but he very decidedly objects to the unpleasant task of disposing of such money being imposed upon him. The Christmas offertories contained quite a number of American pieces, and amongst them four which cannot be passed in Canada; the donors of those pieces might almost as well have put buttons on the plate.

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