SERVICE ACCOUNT—DECEMBER.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory: average $30.69	$153 46
" Christmas	70 28
" Special, 30th, Debt	223 78
" " Synod Funds	2 50
" Sunday School	1 25
" Poor Fund	1 45
Donations for Flowers, etc	1 50
Balance, 31st December	16 35
	$470 57

EXPENDITURE.

Balance, 1st December	$ 23 00
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Organist's Salary	25 00
Sexton's Salary	25 00
Choir Expenses	8 07
Christmas Decorations and Expenses	6 50
Duties on Offertory Envelopes	2 85
Sunday School	1 25
Poor Fund	2 00
Fuel (on Account)	69 75
Lighting	1 12
Printing	4 50
Interest	12 75
Synod	2 50
Applied to Payment of Debt	100 00
" " "	123 78
	$470 57

The Christmas offertory last year was $71.84; this year very nearly, but not quite, the same amount.

The special offertory on the last Sunday of the year, representing one day's average income of each giver, is considered to show a satisfactory result.

An important proposition regarding the school has, during the past month, been the subject of some preliminary discussion, which we hope will lead to its being taken into consideration in a more formal manner by those in authority. At present we are unable to speak more definitely as to what has been suggested or is about to be proposed, but we understand that friends of the school entertain great hopes of its being placed in the position of being able to do its work much more effectively and with facilities for great enlargement.

The interests of the Cathedral also have been kept in view, and if a satisfactory and practical arrangement regarding the school can be carried into effect, it may be confidently expected to result in material advantage to the Cathedral in many respects.

A gentleman, whose name has not been made public, recently wrote a letter to His Lordship offering to give $100 a year for five years towards reducing the Cathedral debt, provided ten other subscriptions of a like amount should be obtained. Mr. Andrews has taken this matter in hand, and has met with such encouragement that he is hopeful of finding the requisite number of persons financially able to give liberal donations, and willing to help to extricate St. Alban's from its difficulties.

If this effort succeeds, and if school matters can be arranged so as to benefit the Cathedral financially, the affairs of St. Alban's will be placed in a more favourable position than has been the case for a long time past.

Secretaries of the various organizations connected with the Cathedral are requested to send in to the Vestry a memorandum of changes in the persons holding offices.