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St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

Monthly : Notes.

NUMBER 115.

DECEMBER, 1897.

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

NOVEMBER, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory (average, \$33.38).....	\$133 53
" Thanksgiving Day.....	14 85
Balance 30th November.....	81 44
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	\$229 82

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 31st October	\$97 94
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	20 00
" Expenses	6 95
Repairs and Sundries	8 20
Lighting	4 73
On account debt.....	10 00
Interest	4 65
Synod: Mission Fund	14 85
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	\$229 82

The Treasurer has in hand \$54 towards the organ fund; \$18 more is required in order to reduce the balance on the organ to \$200, which is the very least we ought to do this year. We did hope to get it reduced to \$150, but the ladies have been less successful than usual.

The Christmas offertory is depended upon every year to help in meeting payments which it is difficult to provide for otherwise. We have an adverse balance, as above, of \$80, which we should pay off; the note on which we have been making a small monthly payment is now reduced to \$105. A little effort on the part of each member of the congregation on Christmas Day would clear off these liabilities and help towards providing for our heaviest item of annual expenditure—the coal bill, \$150. As our congregation is not called upon so frequently to contribute to expenses of various kinds, nor for so much from each person, as an ordinary parochial congregation of the same size and ability to give, it is not unreasonable to ask for a liberal Christmas offertory to enable the service account to be put on a better footing.

The year's accounts published in our last number show on the whole a favourable state of affairs. The ordinary offertory receipts were a little short of what had been estimated, but the Christmas and Easter offertories were liberal, so that on the whole the estimate was exceeded by \$90. The expenditure was nearly \$150 more than anticipated, of which \$50 was for fuel and \$50 more for special unforeseen outlays—choir, and introduction of electric light service. It was disappointing to end the year with an adverse balance of about \$100, but when we look back we find that we began the year with a similar adverse balance, so that we have not lost ground. Besides this we have reduced our congregational debt (irrespective of balance due on organ) from \$575 to \$355. This we ought to clear off during the next few months.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Cathedral Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 18th of November. The meeting was called for the Library, but adjourned to the Chapel, which was thus seen for the first time by several members. The Bishop was unable to be present, having been required to attend at Government House, where the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen have been holding their vice-regal court for the past few weeks. Canon Sweeny was also absent as he was in attendance with the Bishop as acting chaplain; and Bishop Sullivan was ill and unable to be present. There was, therefore, nothing done except ordinary routine business. Ven. Archdeacon Allen was in the chair.

Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen attended the service at the Cathedral on Sunday evening, 26th November, a large congregation being present.

It is with sincere regret that we note the death of Mr. Robert H. Gray, one of the prominent members of our congregation, which occurred on the 6th inst.