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# St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

## Monthly: Notes.

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### SERVICE ACCOUNT.

MAY.

#### RECEIPTS.

Offertery (average, \$29.53).....	\$147 67
Subscriptions to interest account.....	10 00
Balance, 31st May.....	18 81
	\$176 48

#### EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st May.....	\$ 8 93
Clerical Stipend (two months, so paid in order to bring these payments to the proper date).....	125 00
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Expenses.....	1 35
On account note.....	10 00
Interest.....	1 20
Treasurer: Interest account.....	10 00
	\$176 48

The prevalence of wet Sundays during the month has had the effect of materially reducing the average of the offertories, leaving us without funds to meet payments of \$55 falling due on 1st June.

The Synod is to meet on Tuesday, 8th June. The Synod Service is to be at St. Alban's on Tuesday evening, 8 p.m.

The Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman will be pleased to see the members of St. Alban's congregation at the See House on Wednesday afternoon, 9th inst., to meet the clergy of the Diocese.

The Bishop has arranged to leave for England, to attend the Lambeth Conference, on 11th June.

Canon Sweeny also goes to England, having been appointed by the Bishop an extra chaplain *pro tem.*; in which capacity he, with Rev. A. J. Broughall, attended the Bishop on the occasion of the presentation of new colours to the Royal Grenadiers on the Queen's Birthday.

During this month, as all the world knows, many functions of many kinds, from the most simple to perhaps the most imposing which the world has ever witnessed, are appointed to take place in celebration of what has been called the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, marking primarily the continuance of Her Majesty's reign for an unprecedented length of time, but really much more, for not only has the reign been exceptional in the number of years, but it is absolutely without parallel in the world's history in that it is remarkable, firstly, for the marvellous changes which within it have taken place in the condition of the world's inhabitants by the progress of discovery and invention—far too great and numerous to particularize in a brief paragraph—which has rendered familiar to us many things which have most important bearing upon our lives, which to our forefathers of the early part of the present century were almost wholly unknown, secondly, for expansion of the Queen's Empire until it has reached an extent of territory and population vastly greater than has ever rendered allegiance to any other Sovereign, and we may add, thirdly, for the personal ability and virtues of the Queen herself, for history does not know of any other Sovereign who has ruled with such consummate skill of statesmanship, and at the same time has for so many long years maintained a private life above reproach. In the celebration which is about to take place, preparations are so great, so widespread, and so multiform, that people are apt to forget their first object. It is not the glorification of the Queen, the nation or the empire, though the first necessarily occurs and the two latter almost as necessarily follow, but the true

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central point or first purpose of all that is designed is a world-wide thanksgiving on the part of the Queen herself and the one-fourth of the world's inhabitants who compose her people. This alone, apart from the great assemblage of princes of all nations, many of them subjects and vassals of the Queen-Empress, and the great ones of the Empire, and the imposing retinues which accompany them, makes the occasion one of importance without precedent.

The celebration being thus, as we have endeavoured to point out, primarily of a religious character, the many thousands of churches throughout the Empire will recognize the propriety of special features in the services on Sunday, 20th inst. In St. Alban's we intend to take what modest part we may in striving to do honour to the Queen and all that she represents, not only in the services and music, but also in the minor item of appropriate decoration of the edifice.

For this latter purpose we must incur some expense, towards which we would be glad to receive special contributions, so that it should not require to be paid out of ordinary income. The amount required is not large, and small subscriptions will be sufficient.

The quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held on 13th May. The result of the first quarter of the Bishop's Envelope System was announced as follows:—

Receipts from Toronto Rural Deanery .....	\$204 42
"    Country Congregations .....	54 00
Donations .....	97 00
Making a total of .....	\$355 42
Expenses incurred amounted to .....	48 42
Making the net receipts .....	<u>\$307 00</u>

The annual service of the Sunday School Association was held in the Cathedral on Thursday evening, 20th May, Rev. Canons Cayley, Mockridge and Sweeny, and Rev. C. H. Shortt, taking part in the service, and Bishop Sullivan being the preacher.

In our last number we asked for a new offertory plate and new offertory bags for the choir. Within a week after the issue of the Notes, the former was handed to his Lordship, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Æmilius Baldwin; which was followed also by new bags for the choir from Miss Maclure.

The financial position of St. Alban's Cathedral is a thing which people who do not belong to the Church find it extremely difficult to understand. They compare the amount of the debt with the ability per capita of Church people to pay it, and wonder why it is not paid. The *Canadian Churchman*, in a recent number gives the number of persons who communicated in 28 city and suburban churches on Easter Day, amounting to 8,266. If each communicant contributed through the Bishop's quarterly envelopes, which is a mode of contributing within the power of even the very poor, our debts and difficulties would very soon become things of the past. It is not surprising that our good friends without the pale think that we are queer people.

The annual meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Athletic Club will be held in the crypt of the Cathedral on St. Alban's Day, June 17th, at 8 p.m. All the members are requested to attend as the election of officers takes place. Attention is drawn to the fact that the fees fall due on that date, and as funds are low the members are requested to remit promptly.

R. E. PACK, *Secretary*.

The Athletic Club grounds which have been greatly improved this spring were the scene of a small gathering of cricket enthusiasts on Saturday afternoon, May 29th, when the opening match of the season took place, the opposing team, Gordon, McKay Co., being beaten by the small margin of seven runs. Taking into consideration the small amount of practice that the members have been able to obtain, this is a very fair start off to a season which we hope will be as successful as the last.

Mr. Kemp will be pleased to receive applications from three or four men to reinforce the choir.

These are the choir boys who built the fence: William Atkinson, Hubert Baylis, Fred Curzon, Ernest Bruce, Frank Hamilton, Robert Jessop, Lyal Jessop, Louis Klingner, Harold Klingner, Herbert Ledger, Cuthbert Pack, Allan Perry, Thomas Stiff, Charles Stuart, Ernest Turner, Charles Ward, Austin Fellowes, Sydney Fellowes.

The fence which the choir boys built is that which now encloses the Cathedral close. A party of these boys, with Mr. E. Matthews and Mr. Harold Carter assembled one Saturday afternoon, and the postholes having been previously dug, built 400 feet of board fence. The following Saturday afternoon, another party, with Mr. Matthews, Mr. Carter and Mr. Ralph E. Pack, built another 400 feet. The remainder, 300 feet, has since been in a couple of evenings; in this work Robert Curzon and Charley Sweatman took part.