

This paper is issued at the beginning of every month. Its purpose is to be a record of events of local interest, and a medium of information to persons attending the services. Any member, of the congregation having items of interest to contribute, will kindly drop such communications in the St. Andrew's box in the vestibule of the Church.

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# St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto

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## Monthly Notes

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### RESIDENT CLERGY.

THE DEAN.—THE RIGHT REVEREND, THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, See House.

THE PRIEST VICAR—REV. A. U. DE PENCIER, Well's Hill, head of Howland Ave.

### SERVICES.

#### SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion 8 a. m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Holy Communion, 11 a. m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a. m.

Evensong and Sermon at 7 p. m.

Sunday School at 3 p. m.

Young Women's Bible Class at 3 p. m. in the Chapel.

Baptisms at 4 o'clock (notice to be given.)

For the season the Woman's Auxiliary has discontinued its regular weekly meetings. A bale of useful Clothing, Quilts, etc., was recently forwarded to a Mission in Athabaska for distribution among the Indians. The Girl's branch will continue their Meetings for a few weeks on Monday evening, not in the Chapel, but at the residence of the Vicar.

The Chancel and Altar Guilds respectively, meet on notice.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew holds the regular Chapter meeting at half-past 9 o'clock in the morning the second and fourth Sunday of the month in the Chapel of the Cathedral.

Be constant at the services of the Church. It is a gracious privilege. *Come!* because it is a duty you owe to yourself—your family—your friends—to the *indifferent*. Consciously and unconsciously beneficial influence will be the result.

### CRICKET

Our club has already played six matches this season the seniors having played three, the first on May 6th with Trinity college on the college grounds which was lost, the score being 68 to 90. The second was played at home against Gordon McKay's team, our team winning by 14 runs. On the Queen's birthday we sent a team to Galt which also won the score being 102 to 79. Owing to the death of Mrs. Sparling of upper Canada college the match which was to have been played at U. C. C. was declared off.

The juniors have also played three matches with the Toronto Church School, all of which were won by our boys; the senior boys winning from the senior Church school and the boys under twelve years of age winning from a team of the same age of the T. C. S.

Canon MacNab's lecture entitled a Cathedral Bicycle Tour, which was held in the crypt on the 15th inst, was a pronounced success, both as regards the interesting nature of the lecture and the financial result; by which the junior cricket club will be benefited to the extent of about fifteen dollars. A portion of the proceeds has been handed over to the organ fund.

The Synod will convene on Tuesday the 20th of June, next. Morning services and Holy Communion at ten o'clock at St. James Cathedral. The business Session will commence at half past eleven and the meetings will be held in the School House of St. James. The Annual Synod Service will be on the same evening in St. Alban's Cathedral at 8 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Canon Sweeney, R. D. The Service will be choral and that appointed for the Queen's Coronation. The Offertory will be devoted to the Missions of the Church. The Annual Missionary Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 21st June, at St. James Cathedral.

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### OUR VISIT TO THE HILL-CREST CONVALESCENT HOME.

Any one standing on the corner of Bloor and Howland Ave. will if looking northward, perceive that the ground rises rather abruptly at a distance of about half a mile, forming a ridge that seems to extend east and west almost as far as the eye can reach, offering unrivalled facilities for our wealthy citizens to build their mansions, in positions that are to a great extent free from the noise and bustle of the city, and at the same time command a view of both the Queen city of Ontario and the great lake that washes its southern border.

On this elevated ridge directly at the head of Howland Ave. will be seen a white house that has for many years been a familiar sight to the people of upper Toronto, and is now the residence of the priest-vicar of St Alban's Cathedral. Looking a little further west just north of the point where Bathurst St. crosses the Davenport Road, may be perceived on top of the hill a red-brick building, that ought to be obscured (but is not at present) from the view of the before mentioned observer by the tall spires of St. Alban's, and is known as the Hill-crest Home; this is a spacious modern building erected in one of the most delightful spots to be found in the vicinity of Toronto, and devoted to the purpose of furnishing to all who desire the pure air, the home comforts, and the assiduous attention, that are so essential for the full recovery of those sick people who having progressed so far in overcoming their maladies as to be able to leave our hospitals, still find themselves unequal to undertake the full duties of healthy manhood or womanhood.

With a view to keeping in touch with such Church of England men as may be found staying there, St Alban's Chapter of St Andrew's Brotherhood appointed a committee of three to make weekly visits at this home, and prove by christian sympathy and cheerful conversation with these men, that the Church they love did not neglect their people whose lot was cast among strangers, but was ever ready under all circumstances to look after the welfare of her children. Keeping this object in view we will now give a short outline of some visits made and impressions received during a period of about a year.

It was in the early part of January '99 that we were appointed to this duty and our first visit was made on the following Friday evening. In order to guard against a possible refusal to admit us (for we found that we could not arrange to get to the home before eight o'clock) one of us telephoned to the matron, to know if that hour was too late for visitors, and finding that it was not, we agreed upon a convenient meeting place so that we could walk up together.

Now perhaps some of our congregation may at some time or other, have undertaken to make a call upon people whom they have never seen before, for a purpose that is not business-like, and is not altogether social, and that may or may not be acceptable to those upon whom they were to call; if so they will understand something of our feeling, as we walked together towards the Hill-crest Home. Arriving in due course we timidly rang the bell and were ushered into a small reception room, where in answer to inquiries we stated our desire to have a friendly chat with the men; we were then told to wait until the matron came and so to her we also gave the nature of our errand, and added that if agreeable we would like to make weekly visits. To the untutored mind it would seem that nothing could be more simple and free from perplexities than our proposition, yet so complex is the mechanism of our intellectual nature, and so averse are we all, even the best and noblest among us to accept a simple fact merely as a fact and nothing else, that it required a lengthened conversation before we could

make it quiet clear, that we were not looking out for men who would work for small pay when they left the home—that we were not authorized to find out who were in needy circumstances so as to report such cases to the relief committee of the House of Industry that we were not men who had private means and intended to use them in providing for the indigent when the two-weeks maintenance that the city authorities granted them had expired—and that we were not bent on making proselytes of the men in the home for the benefit of St. Alban's; when these points had been cleared up, we were given a hearty welcome to visit as we proposed.

Behold then our committee flushed with its first victory, being ushered into a larger room and introduced to about half a dozen of our fellow-men, as visitors who had come to talk to them. Now came the crucial test, the moment that would decide whether we could or could not win the confidence of those to whom we were sent; whether our mission was to be a success or failure. Advancing then under the concentrated gaze of six pairs of eyes, each exhibiting a large note of interrogation, we heartily shook hands with every man in turn, and after making a few perfectly safe remarks about the weather proceeded to settle ourselves among them; it would be tedious for us to detail our conversations during this and other visits, so we will only say that in the course of three or four weeks we had almost entirely eradicated any lingering doubts that either matron or men might entertain, about any of the before mentioned subjects.

Of the men who make their stay here a few may be regarded as permanent, the majority as transient boarders.

It has been our good fortune to make staunch friends of one or two of the permanent ones, and they have proved their friendship by removing any mis-apprehension that has arisen from time to time in the minds of new boarders as to our object in coming regularly to see them.

One of the pleasing results of this is to be found in the fact that our visits are almost always welcomed not only by those of our own Church but also by Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and men of all other denominations; so that it has become an unwritten law of our meetings, that the feelings arising from a replication of the brotherhood of man, shall prevail over the sectarian feelings that have so long served to separate from each other the different members of the great human family for whom Christ died.

We will now touch upon some of the representative characters that have come under our notice. All human beings appear to be moved to a greater or less extent by impulses founded upon likes and dislikes; and the man who can always rise above that level, is very rarely to be met with among the sons of our fallen race. Our committee do not claim that they are always free from these feelings, and therefore ask that due allowances be made for any mistake of that nature in the remarks that follow.

During our earlier visits we met with a young man suffering from some nervous affliction that made it necessary to abstain as much as possible from reading or study, but who was possessed by such an ambition to shine as a book-keeper or in some similar office capacity that we felt quite interested in him and just before the termination of his stay he asked us to let him know of any opportunity if a situation came under our notice, telling us that he was a good writer and felt quite able to do book-keeper's work; of course we gave the necessary promise and asked what address would find him, at the same time handing him a slip of paper and a pencil; where upon he took the paper and proceeded to write, with the conscientious and painstaking labor that would be creditable to a school-boy

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of eight, the necessary name and address. This young man is a sample of a large class of people whose ambition leads them to attempt things for which neither their natural capacity nor their education has fitted them; and you will not be surprised to hear that when this same young man, after having again been to the hospital came a second time to the home, and we in all sincerity recommended him to try and obtain a situation on a farm as being in every way better suited to him, we so wounded his pride as to almost make an enemy of him.

A little later we met with an older man who from his appearance had contended with many of the adverse storms of life, and had evidently come out second best; suggesting to the experienced eye a practical acquaintance with bailiffs, their business methods, and the disastrous consequences that result from the same, this man paid close attention to our conversation during his two weeks stay, and a second similar term that was granted him, and upon our last interview made us acquainted with the harrowing details of some of his sad experience and requested our good officers in trying to find him a suitable shop in which to commence the battle of life again. This man's time expired on a Tuesday night, but as the weather proved to be wet, the kind-hearted matron kept him all day Wednesday, and because she felt compelled to ask him to go on Thursday morning, he called upon one of us and complained bitterly of having been turned out when the weather was bad. This man too represents a large class of people who are always craving favors, and if they do not get all they want, are ready to unreasonably condemn their benefactors.

It sometimes happens that a man with a strong personality is met with here; such an event happened some time ago, when an old soldier, grown grey in "Her Majesty's" service, found it necessary to recuperate at this home; and he for a month or so entertained us with accounts of his adventures in India and elsewhere; while we, who generally lead the subjects of conversation, sat and listened to his vivid stories of adventure and peril, contenting ourselves with giving an occasional religious colouring to some of his experiences. We heaved a sigh of regret upon parting with him, feeling that we were losing sight of one who seemed to connect us with that great history-making period of British sway in India, the Sepoy rebellion, a war that has paved the way for the present dominance of British power in the east, and has exerted a powerful influence on the foreign policy of our Mother country ever since.

It is not to be expected that a home of this kind can always be free from the presence of that dread enemy death; and so it fell to our lot not long ago, to be called to the bedside of one of the home's oldest inmates; who after suffering for several years from an internal malady found himself obliged to keep to his bed, and a few days later became unconscious, and was evidently near the end of his earthly career; so that upon our arrival we found the men in that state of hushed expectancy natural to those who are about to lose a comrade to the grim tyrant death.

Being invited upstairs we entered a large room where we found the bed of the dying man surrounded by friends watching with affectionate earnestness the peaceful countenance of the patient, whose labored breath told as plainly as any words could express it, that the end was near. There are times when the different degrees of social station, of education, of wealth, of everything that serves to mark the inequalities between one man and another, seem to fade into obscurity; and this was one of them; so we found in this sad gathering, the matron of the home; one of its former managers whose affectionate regard for the sufferer had brought her to be with him in his last moments; several of his old friends; and some of the pre-

sent convalescents; all watching with feelings akin to awe, the ebbing away of the earthly life of a fellow-mortal. Amid such surroundings and such emotions did the spirit of this patient sufferer pass upward to God who gave it, adding one more (who can doubt it) to the great army of the redeemed on high, who await with joyous expectation the great re-union of those who having loved their Lord below, shall at last be admitted to the paradise of God.

Thus it will be perceived that in the course of little more than a year, our weekly visits to this institution have brought us in contact with a number of those sad phases of human life that are constantly to be met with among the masses in our great cities; and which bring home so forcibly to the hearts of all true students of the great problems of human life that every where confront the sincere followers of the great Deliverer from sin and sorrow, the almost appalling significance of His well-known words "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few," and cause us to re-echo with all the intensity of our nature the words, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

We have already spoken of false ambition, of misfortune, of death, in connexion with our visits; but there is a brighter side that must not be overlooked. In our daily lives we sometimes discover unsuspected virtues in people we meet; virtues laid bare perhaps by some trifling incident; and so we often find that suffering develops noble traits of character in otherwise commonplace people, while men of naturally high character are raised still higher by the same cause; by that mighty cause, which, entering into the world as a result of the successful temptation of the Evil One, has, under the providence of our Great Father been made the instrument for purifying and ennobling his saints upon earth—called human suffering. This great purifier then makes one invalid, suffering perhaps from some heart-trouble, sympathize with and do all he can to alleviate the pain of another whose nervous system is broken down; and he in turn tries to discover what he can do for another who is in pain from weak lungs; and so on through the whole range of diseases, we find that suffering develops sympathy, and sympathy produces practical efforts to relieve each other and to bear one another's burdens, and these again soften men's hearts and make them ready to receive the truth as it is in Jesus. These things coming under our notice have encouraged us to continue our efforts, so that trying to do good we often receive good in return, and when discouraged and downcast, are able to call up in our minds the remembrance of some brave spirit, such as we met with last summer; a sturdy fellow, who through some accident lost his leg, and after spending three months in the hospital and about a month at the Hill-crest Home, and finding that there was still an unsound spot in the bone near his thigh that would take quite a while to cure, resolved that he would not be idle any longer, and so he went down town and engaged a small shop and started business for himself (he was a shoemaker) so that he should not any longer be a burden to his friends. With examples like this before us, taken from life, how can we give way to discouragement, or think of neglecting our duty to our fellow-men; and so we continue in our humble way to show that St. Albans has the true Cathedral spirit, and that its sympathies are not bounded by parish limits.

### THE DAY SCHOOL

The monthly report shows the following boys to be at the top of their respective classes.

Senior Third—1st L. Roden, 2nd D. Roden  
Junior Third—1st O. Evans, 2nd R. Holland  
Senior Second—1st F. Macdonald, 2nd Wm. Ince  
Junior Second—1st Jno. Macdonald, 2nd H. Blake

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### SERVICE ACCOUNT

MAY

#### RECEIPTS

Offeratory: average \$30.18.....	\$120 73
"    for Missions.....	10 00
"    Sunday School Service.....	15 36
Organ Fund (C. Hunter).....	10 00
St. Alban's School for Coal.....	9 00
Balance 30th May.....	101 87
	\$266 96

#### EXPENDITURE

Balances 30th April.....	\$ 95 50
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
"    expenses and sundries.....	2 05
Repairs.....	1 30
Fuel.....	39 50
Printing Monthly Notes.....	10 75
Synod for Missions.....	10 00
Sunday School Association.....	15 36
Organ Fund.....	10 00
	\$266 96

To close up the organ fund there is still \$15.80 required.

### ORDINATION SERVICE

At the Ordination last Sunday an unusually large number of Priests and Deacons were ordained to their respective orders. Eight to the office of the Priesthood and six as Deacons.

Morning Prayer was sung at a quarter past ten by the Vicar, the first lesson read by Rev. J. S. Broughall, Rector of Whitby, the second by Rev. C. W. McKim, Curate of Trinity Church, Toronto.

The Ordination service began at eleven o'clock, the processional hymn being that grand old familiar one "The Church's One Foundation." The Rev. Oscar Rigby, Dean of Trinity College preached a very forcible and instructive sermon.

The Candidates were presented to the Bishop by the examining Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rector of St. Stephens. The Litany said by the Bishop and congregation, after which the Reverend Principle Sheraton of Wycliffe College proceeded with the ante Communion Office. Dr. Welch Pervost of Trinity College read the Epistle. The candidates for the Diaconate were examined by the Bishop and solemnly ordered to that office.

The Gospel was read by the Rev. L. W. Broughall the senior Deacon, after which the candidates for the Priesthood were charged and examined by his Lordship. Silent Prayer was followed by the "Veni Creator Spiritus" and the Bishop with the Priests present solemnly ordained them to their sacred office. The Communion was then proceeded with, the Bishop being Celebrant. It was a most impressive service and full of inspiration and encouragement for the future welfare of the Diocese.

The following were ordained deacons: L. W. Broughall, George E. Ryerson, D. A. Madill, H. McCausland (Trinity College), and E. A. Langfeldt and M. J. Goodheart (Wycliffe College).

Messrs. Broughall and Ryerson will be stationed at Minden and Stanhope Mission. E. A. Langfeldt at Omamee, and M. J. Goodheart at Dysarb Mission; D. A. Madill at Beaton and Tottenham, and H. McCausland at Humber Bay Mission.

The following were ordained priests: Revs. C. W. McKim, R. J. Coleman, C. W. Holdsworth, R. B. H. Bell, J. E. Hand,

F. W. Goodeve, S. C. Knox, and John Bushell. The last named will be stationed at Norwood and Westwood.

Friends of St. Alban's note with pleasure the ever extending recognition by churchmen of our Cathedral as a religious centre. For the benefit of those who have not given much attention to this matter, we recall the Woman's Auxiliary meeting held here during the spring; the recent meeting of the Local Assembly of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and the still more recent closing service of the Toronto Sunday School Association, when 17 Priests and 2 Bishops were in the procession.

These events occurring within less than four months, taken in connexion with the prosperous condition of our school for boys, show clearly that the far-seeing wisdom of the Cathedral Chapter, in locating St. Alban's in this unsurpassed residential portion of the city is beginning to be appreciated by thoughtful churchman every-where, and especially so by the residents of our beautiful city.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, held at St. Alban's Cathedral, on Saturday, May 21st, passed off very successfully. We must confess that the programme presented was rather a disappointment to us, but those who spoke, certainly made the best of the material at their disposal.

The acting President of the Local Council, Mr. Chas. Clarke, (who by the way is a member of St. Alban's Chapter,) called the meeting to order at four o'clock; the afternoon session was given up to hearing reports of the work at the Hospitals, Jail, and Convalescent Home, committees were formed to look after the work at the Island, and on the Docks, during the summer months, and an excellent paper on the best methods for doing work at the Hospitals, was read by Mr. Harris of St. Simons Chapter.

Not the least enjoyable part of the meetings was the hour given up to the enjoyment of an excellent tea provided by the ladies of the St. Alban's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Ladies' of the Cathedral are famed for their generous hospitality and certainly the men of the Brotherhood can testify that they are *justly* famed.

Evening Prayer was said in the Cathedral at 7 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. de Pencier, at 7.30 the meeting was again called to order, and a rather wearisome discussion on a proposed change in the rule of service, occupied a considerable length of time, it was brought to a fitting climax by the Vicar who remarked, that when Societies had nothing else to do they usually tampered with their constitutions. The last part of the evening was given up to a most interesting discussion on work among boys. The great leak from the Church, seems to be of boys who have just left Sunday School, and with a false idea of freedom and liberty, refuse to associate themselves with any of the organizations composed of older men.

We of St. Alban's can congratulate ourselves on having been able to keep our boys much better than many of the Parish Churches; and probably this happy condition of things is largely due to the interest the boys take in the Cricket Club, or rather one might say the Athletic Club, for an influence for good is exerted over the boys the whole year round. The esprit de corps shown by the cathedral boys is certainly most inspiring and encouraging.

We wish once more to convey to the Ladies' of St. Alban's our very hearty thanks for their great kindness to the Brotherhood, the provision they made for its entertainment enabled us to call this Spring Session an unqualified success.