

27 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. It claims only to be *semi-official*, and the Dean is not responsible for its contents.

St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

Monthly: Notes.

NUMBER 118.

MARCH, 1898.

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

FEBRUARY, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Offerory (average, \$30.28).....	\$121 13
[Last year \$133.79, average \$33.45.]	
Epiphany Collection, additional.....	4 86
Balance 28th February.....	102 16
	<u>\$228 15</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 31st January.....	\$109 06
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Choir Laundry.....	2 00
Wine.....	3 00
Lighting.....	10 98
Repairs.....	1 25
Interest.....	4 50
On account debt.....	10 00
Synod: Epiphany Collection.....	4 86
	<u>\$228 15</u>

We regret to note that the offertory continues to show a decrease as compared with last year. An average of \$30 is quite inadequate to meet our engagements, even with the strictest economy. It would require but a little effort—or rather just a little *bearing in mind*—on the part of each member of the congregation to make a change for the better in this respect. As a congregation, we are not as liberal in our gifts as some poorer congregations. This does not, we are sure, arise from any unwillingness to give, but simply from a want of, firstly, a due measure of the duty of the giving, and, secondly, an adequate appreciation of the needs which are dependent upon the

gifts. Many of the members of our congregation could quite easily give one-half more, or even double as much as they do now, and we do not doubt that they would do so if they were fully aware of the necessity which exists.

SCHOOL FOR JUNIOR BOYS.

A proposal to make a beginning in the formation of a school in connection with the Cathedral has been under consideration and a prospectus has now been issued as follows:

This school, which will be held in the Chapel, is intended to be opened after Easter. The boys will be under the charge of Mr. M. E. Matthews, assisted by Rev. A. U. DePencier, M.A., Rev. J. H. McCollum, M.A., and Mr. M. Matthews, R.C.A., who will take special classes.

The Chapel will be furnished to accommodate, at least, twenty boys; they will be instructed in all the necessary English branches which are taken up in the public schools, besides more attention given to Scripture History, the Catechism and the teaching of the Church. Also they will be grounded in elementary Latin when in the Third book class.

It is intended that this shall be the nucleus of the regular Cathedral Choir School: therefore, as far as possible, for the present, it will be the recruiting ground for the Choir, so that special attention will be paid to the rudiments of music and vocal exercises.

The fees have been fixed at the moderate rate of five dollars a term, the object being that the school might be of as much benefit to the Choir

MONTHLY NOTES.

as possible. Boys who take instrumental music will be charged extra.

The grounds of the Cathedral close, which are used by the Cricket Club, will be available for recreation, also such gymnastic appliances as are provided for the choristers. The boys will be encouraged to take physical exercise as well as their work in the school.

Application to be made to M. E. Matthews or Rev. A. U. DePencier.

To which is added the following :

"I heartily endorse and commend Mr. Matthews' scheme for the establishment of a School for junior boys in the Chapel of St. Alban's Cathedral. From his proved success in dealing with the boys in the Choir, I have every confidence that he will make a valuable teacher and devote his whole powers to advance the interests of his pupils, both in their studies and in their sports. It will be a pleasure to me to give what personal help I can to make the school a success."

ARTHUR TORONTO.

The list of parochial officers and workers of St. Mary Magdalene, published in the Parish Magazine, includes "Secretary St. Alban's Cathedral Fund, J. Henry Webb." There should be such an officer in every Parish, and it would then be more fully realized that the Cathedral is Diocesan and not local. The Cathedral should be in close touch with every Parish in the Diocese, not merely with the minor object of its financial support as a Diocesan undertaking, but much more in order to bring about its great purpose as a unifying Diocesan centre. St. Mary Magdalene's does itself great honour in being the first to move in a public official manner in this direction, and the more so as its own local work is of such a character as might easily exhaust its energies within strictly parochial limits. It may often, however, be observed that the Parish which accomplishes a great deal in its local work is the most forward in fulfilling its extra-parochial responsibilities.