

This paper is issued at the beginning of each 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.

St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto

Monthly Notes

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RESIDENT CLERGY.

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

THE PRIEST VICAR—

THE REV. B. C. H. ANDREWS
157 Madison Avenue

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.

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

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 first and third Sundays 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.

SERVICE ACCOUNT

DECEMBER

RECEIPTS.

Offertery: average \$31.21.....	\$156 04
" Christmas.....	71 84
Donations for Decorations.....	50
Balance 31st Dec.....	4 63

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EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st Dec.....	\$ 18 01
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Organist's Salary.....	25 00
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Choir expenses: Music, etc.....	9 80
Laundry.....	4 71
Christmas Decorations, etc.....	6 50
Repairs, etc.....	10 10
Lighting.....	1 14
Fuel.....	50 00
Postage on Monthly Notes (special).....	1 00
Offertery Envelopes for 1900.....	11 50
Interest.....	12 75

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SUB-DEAN AND CHANCELLOR

The Rev. Canon Welsh has been appointed to the
vacant Rectory of St. James', and thus become *ex*
officio Sub-Dean, while also, for the present, retaining
the office of Chancellor, which he holds *ex officio* as
Senior Professor in Divinity in Trinity University.

At St. Alban's Cathedral on New Year's Day, the
Rev. Canon Sweeny was married to Catherine, daugh-
ter of the late Anthony Knox Boomer. It gives us
much pleasure to offer our hearty congratulations to
the Rev. Canon and his fair bride.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood

The Cathedral Chapter fully appreciates the Diocesan nature of the Cathedral work. It has lately filled the office of Director for St. Cyprian's Chapter from its own ranks, and has allowed more than one of its members to resign to strengthen neighbouring chapters.

At the annual meeting of St. Alban's Chapter, recently held, the former officers were re-elected for the coming year, and strong committees were appointed to carry on the work in its various departments. We think it is a matter for congratulation, and a great cause for thankfulness, that out of a membership of fifteen the average attendance at the meetings during the past year has been twelve; the members would be very glad to see other men of the congregation at their meetings, and would like to have the membership brought up to twenty before many months have passed.

The meetings, hereafter, will take place in the Chapel at 9.30 a.m., on the *first* and *third* Sundays in the month, instead of on the *second* and *fourth*, as heretofore.

The Council of the Brotherhood in England has been deprived of two of its most active members, Captain Molony, of the Royal Engineers, having been ordered to South Africa, and Major Mayne to India.

The Brotherhood is not a Society which takes upon itself new work in the Church of God, or which sets apart a certain number of men to engage in a definite form of work, it is simply a body of men who realise the responsibility of their Baptismal vows, and are banded together for the mutual support and encouragement such union gives. The duty is upon *all* Churchmen to spread Christ's Kingdom, and it should not be necessary to emphasize that obligation by forming Societies of the few who are trying to do what *all* should do. The necessity for the existence of the Brotherhood is a sign of weakness in the Church; we are *all* enlisted in the one Army, we are *all* called to fight; it should not be left to the *few* to volunteer for active service under Christ's Banner. The Church is overburdened with Societies, and Guilds, and Committees; nothing of the kind should be necessary; there is the one Society, the Divine Organization, the Church, complete and perfectly equipped to carry on the work of God in the world without any further machinery of man's ordaining. Let us all try to realise our responsibilities, our duties, our privileges, and the energy that is now, to a certain extent, wasted in unnecessarily duplicating and complicating the work of The Church, will then be used with all its tremendous force to the one purpose of extending the Kingdom of God on earth.

Woman's Auxilliary

The half-yearly meeting of this influential organization was held at Uxbridge, on Thursday, 30th Nov.

Our Branch was represented by its President, Mrs. Sweatman, who with her usual self-denying devotion to the cause laid aside her other engagements in order to attend.

We understand that the meeting was, as might be expected with such a hostess as Mrs. Depencier, eminently successful; being both enjoyable to those who took part in its proceedings, and inspiring to the Branches who were represented there.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the beneficial influences of these semi-annual gatherings, in softening local prejudices and in drawing more closely together all the members in those bonds of Christian charity which give such unmistakable evidence of the genuineness of our religion.

It may be mentioned that a movement is on foot to raise a special sum among the different Branches and their friends, to be called the "Nineteenth Century Fund." It is the intention to present this money at a celebration of the Holy Communion, to be held in St. James' Cathedral, January 11th, when all members of the Auxilliary are expected to be present.

It is sincerely hoped that this appeal will meet with a liberal response, so that the sum realised will be worthy of the Society, and of substantial benefit to the cause to which it is to be devoted.

The regular weekly meeting of St. Alban's Branch was, on the 20th December last, varied by the interesting ceremony of packing the barrel of useful articles (clothing and other necessaries) intended for the Rev. Mr. Lord, of Apsley, Ont. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that these meetings are not entirely devoted to social chats, however interesting they may be, but are given over to the production (by means known only to the gentler sex) of serviceable clothing, etc., for the needy missions of this and other dioceses; and the occasion just referred to was the culminating point of this season's work, the occasion when the ladies could take a last glance at their own handiwork before it was handed over to the tender mercies of the expressman. We may venture the hope that the barrel may, upon its arrival at Apsley, scatter pleasant feelings among the recipients of the good things, and awaken in their breasts emotions worthy of Christianity, and prolific in the good works that are its greatest adornment.

It is gratifying to note that the parents of the boys in the school, who are not members of the congregation, have subscribed, in sums quite as large as we could reasonably expect of them, a total of \$25 towards the reflooring of the crypt, thus testifying to their appreciation of the school.

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Cathedral School and Choir

THE SCHOOL.

Among the pleasures of the recent vacation, we have to chronicle the second annual Christmas gathering of the St. Alban's Cathedral School boys for a good romp. Mr. Matthews received the boys in the afternoon of Thursday, the 28th December, on the pond at Wychwood Park, where skating was indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed by thirty-six of the forty-three boys of the School: as they raced, played hockey, or cut figures on the ice. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto was a thoughtful and kindly observer of the sports, and with his camera took a number of snap shots of the happy scene. At 5.30 the boys marched to the house, put away their skates, and after being well warmed—but not by the rod—sat down to tea, under the motto of the School "Macte Virtute puer," where they appeared as contented, as jolly, and as happy as on the ice. Towards the close of the refreshments His Lordship, on behalf of the boys, regretted the absence of the Rev. Mr. Andrews through illness, commented on the success of the school, and very happily presented Mr. Matthews with a silver inkstand as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the School. Mr. Matthews replied, and then after a varied entertainment the gathering broke up at 9 o'clock.

According to the December report the first and second boys of each class stand as follows:

4TH FORM	3RD FORM
1st. R. Hilton	1st L. Dixon
2nd. Allan Dixon	2nd. F. Macdonald
2ND FORM	1ST FORM
1st. Gerald Maclead	1st. K. MacDougall
2nd. William Ince	2nd. Arthur Stanger

The following promotions have been made: Leonard Dixon to the 4th form. Arthur Stanger, Hume Blake and John Macdonald to the 2nd.

A BIT OF HISTORY

It is remarkable how the course of what appear to be separate and distinct events is directed to contribute towards definite ends.

We are led to remark upon this by reflecting on a certain flourishing institution that exists among us.

As is known to many of our congregation the original scheme for St. Alban's Cathedral included a high-class school for boys; one of the considerations being that while it would be a great advantage for the boys to receive a musical training in the choir, it would also be a benefit for St. Albans to have a choir among whom such a training would probably produce the highest attainable results, and lead to the musical portion of our services being rendered in a manner worthy of our beloved Church.

The late general depression in business, retarded, as we too well know, the development of the whole scheme, and it seemed as if the school project would have to wait many long years before it could be commenced; for there was neither the building to accommodate it or the money to build one.

About two years ago however our late priest-vicar, conceived the generous idea of building and presenting to the St. Alban's authorities, a chapel, as an evidence of his earnest desire for the extension of the cathedral work.

This proved to be of great service in providing accommodation for various meetings connected with church work, that had hitherto been conducted with great difficulty from lack of room.

It then occurred to some person or persons, that perhaps a beginning might be made with the school part of the scheme already referred to; so with many misgivings this was attempted, and in April 1898 a day school was opened, attended by about a dozen boys.

A year and a half has now passed, and in that short time the school has swelled to forty-two boys; almost as many as the building will permit, to study in comfort; and this has been accomplished without either extensive advertising, or resorting to other methods that are usually employed to reach such satisfactory results.

Thus we see what has actually been done, right in our midst, by members of our own congregation, at a time when the rest of the scheme has been almost at a standstill.

If these things are so, and anyone who reads these lines can easily satisfy himself on that point, who will be bold enough to assert that there is not energy enough or loyalty enough in this congregation, to attempt and successfully carry through, a further development of the main part of the scheme, the cathedral building itself. The business depression is past; this locality is being rapidly built up; business enterprises are springing into existence around us; let us throw off the torpor that has so long oppressed us, and by earnest, well directed, effort, achieve the success we shall then deserve, and prove to the world that we are worthy descendants of those undaunted churchmen, whose manly courage and christian fortitude have for several centuries shed such glory upon our grand old Church.

The amounts subscribed or promised, so far as reported up to the present time, for the re-flooring of the crypt and other matters, amount to only about \$300, while the cost of work done will be something over \$400. It will, therefore, be necessary for the committee to use more efforts to make up the amount to at least \$400, and even then several things which the congregation are desirous of having done will remain unprovided for, and must be put off for the present.

MONTHLY NOTES

ST. ALBAN'S DEBT

At the commencement of this, the last year of the nineteenth century, it is highly desirable for us to consider our debt, and the ways and means for removing it.

As is known to some of our congregation, the crypt (now used for Sunday school purposes) was at first the only part of the building available for public worship.

During the period the work upon the upper portion of the building was going on, and at its completion the money that had been raised upon mortgage became exhausted. In this way it came about that the expenses incurred in furnishing the choir, and rendering it fit for use, became a floating debt.

It was about this time that St. Cyprian's church was built, and upon its completion the priest in charge of St. Alban's and a large portion of the congregation, withdrew from us to become members of the new church.

This gave a very serious aspect to the outlook for the Cathedral, during the six or seven years of general business depression. It is from these circumstances being so often overlooked, that people wonder how it is that for a number of years St. Alban's was barely able to meet her current expenses, and could not pay off her floating debt, nor the interest on her mortgage. We are glad, however, to be able to state, that during the last three years, the floating debt has, through the efforts of certain liberal gentlemen, and a committee of Synod, been extinguished.

There is now, as a result of so many new houses being lately built in this neighbourhood, of our attractive services, and from other causes, a congregation that often taxes the capacity of the building; and that could doubtless be increased, perhaps doubled, if we were able to provide comfortable seating accommodation for the extra number.

It remains, therefore, for us to decide upon the proper course to take under these circumstances; and whatever mistakes have been made in the past (what human undertakings are free from them?) we of this congregation and of this Diocese, cannot, if we would, escape from our responsibilities.

The simple facts that confront us are these—That the legally established Cathedral of this diocese, the building in which we of this congregation worship, is involved in debt—and that a debt, owing for anything in connexion with the worship of God, is repugnant to the feelings of every right-thinking Christian man, a grievous hindrance to the advancement of true religion, and a stigma upon the good name of our church.

So that the position in which we of this congregation find ourselves, in this the opening month of the last year of the century is this: worshippers in the beautiful choir of a partly built Cathedral, situated in the most progressive and desirable residential portion of our fine city, confronted by a debt that is a burden

to us, and a bar to our progress, unable to provide satisfactory seating accommodation for numbers of families who would otherwise join us and assist in advancing our common interests, occupying a position towards other churches of the diocese that exposes us to searching criticism, and yet apparently wanting in that enthusiastic energy that is absolutely necessary to successfully grapple with the problems that confront us.

This being our situation, what shall we do? Sit down and bewail our difficulties? If we do that how can we expect the churches of the diocese to come to our support? Let us rather, like high-spirited, energetic, loyal churchmen, resolve to make this last year of the century memorable, by uniting to devise ways and means to pay off the existing debt, and at the same time to provide the necessary increased accommodation for the church people who are building and buying houses in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral.

As a scheme for attaining this end the following is suggested.

Let a small committee—say three—be appointed for the set purpose of obtaining subscriptions from the wealthy, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 upwards; this committee being expected to raise two-thirds of the whole sum required.

Another committee of perhaps five or six being appointed to solicit subscriptions from those whose means are moderate, for the purpose of raising the remaining one-third. The payments of these subscriptions could be spread over the whole year; and as an inducement to subscribe liberally, it might be stipulated, that until the whole required amount was promised, no one would be called upon to pay a cent.

This proposition would include the \$3,000 necessary to add a seating capacity of 100 to the present building, along with the present debt; and if carried to a successful issue, would redound to the honor of our Church, and be prolific in vitalizing influences on the cause of true religion throughout this diocese.

Fellow-churchmen, this proposition is before you. If you do not like it, bring forward yours, and we will make it known.

All are rejoiced to know that the Priest Vicar has passed through the dangerous illness with which he was threatened, and hopes soon to be in his place. To a Pastor the Christmas worship is always a season of unusual joy, and to be then laid aside requires special grace and patience. It was, therefore, to Mr. Andrews a double trial, being his first season with us. He had the widespread sympathy of his people for his comfort and prayers for his complete restoration.