

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

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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 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.

SERVICE ACCOUNT

NOVEMBER

RECEIPTS.

Offertory : average \$52.81.....	\$131 26
Boxes	63
Balance 30th November.....	18 01

\$149 90

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 31st October.....	\$ 1 75
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
" Expenses	2 45
Choir	2 50
Repairs.....	1 94
Lighting.....	2 89
Fuel.....	37 12
Printing	1 50
" Monthly Notes.....	17 25

\$149 90

An Entertainment will be held in the Crypt, on Wednesday
evening, 13th inst., consisting of pianoforte and vocal selections
and stereoptican views of the Transvaal with a lecture by the
Priest Vicar. Tickets, 15 cents each (two for 25c.) may be ob-
tained of Mrs. Sweatman, Rev. B. C. Andrews or Mr. Matthews

BAPTISMS

Nov. 1. **BURT**, William Jack; son of Joseph and
Emma Catherine.

Nov. 5. **HIND**, Lillian Sarah, daughter of Robert
and Florence.

Nov. 19. **CHADWICK**, Patricia Katherine; daughter
of William Craven Vaux and Jessie Dorothea.

On St. Andrew's Day (November 30th) the annual
Corporate Communion of the Brotherhood in Toronto
took place at 7 a. m. in St. James Cathedral. The
Lord Bishop being the Celebrant; a large number of
men afterwards partook of a substantial breakfast in
the St. Lawrence Coffee House. On Thursday Even-
ing the annual service was held in St. James Cathedral.
The Rev. Prof. Cody preaching the sermon.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood

The annual meeting of the Cathedral Chapter, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be held in the Chapel on Monday Evening, December 4th, at 8.30 p. m. All the members are particularly requested to be present; a cordial invitation is also extended to all men of the congregation who take an interest in the work of the Brotherhood.

The Local Council of the Brotherhood will hold their annual business meeting on Tuesday Evening, December 5th, in the School House of St. George's Church at 8 p. m. One of the members of the Cathedral Chapter (Mr. C. H. Clarke) has been nominated for the Council for the coming year, it behoves the members of St. Alban's Chapter to turn out in large enough force to make his election a certainty. Please men remember that in this, as in all things, each man has a responsibility resting on himself. The success of the whole Brotherhood, depends entirely in the faithful work, and unceasing prayer, of *each individual member* of the order.

It is always an inspiring thing to find men in high public positions, taking a lively interest in the work of the Church. In England the Brotherhood has many representative men serving on its Council, and in the United States the Brotherhood is greatly strengthened by the advice and assistance of men who have much influence in the world. At a recent convention of the Brotherhood held in Columbus, Ohio, an address of welcome was given by His Excellency, the Governor of Ohio, who spoke "not only as the State's Executive, but also as a fellow Churchman," he welcomed the delegates as "Soldiers of the Captain, whose battle cry is 'Peace and Good Will among men'—Later on, the Hon. W. J. Diehl, Mayor of Pittsburg *and a member of the Brotherhood*, speaking of the World's need being the Brotherhood of Christ, said:

"The best type of humanity is the true Christian gentleman. The one whose ever present model in the affairs of life is Christ, and who, therefore, goes about quietly doing what good he can at all times and in all places. Such a man proves by his relations with his fellows that for him the Brotherhood of Christ is a living fact. There is more of the Brotherhood of Christ in the world to-day than ever before, yet more of it is needed. As Brotherhood men we can best do our part in helping humanity toward God by exemplifying in our lives a Christ-like ideal of human conduct. If we wish to influence others to better living, we must endeavor to live up to the example set us by our Lord. We must use constant and persistent, not spasmodic efforts. We must make right living and right thinking the dominant principles of our daily life. To win others we must manifest sympathy for them, interest ourselves in their affairs, share with them whatever may have helped us. Thus we may be the more forcible and readily demonstrate to others what it means to be a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews.

Woman's Auxiliary

It will be seen on reference to the first page of these "Notes" that the weekly meetings are now held on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday as in former years; this change being made to suit the convenience of the St. Alban's Cathedral School.

Perhaps at no time in its history has this Branch met under such discouraging circumstances as at their first meeting this year. Deprived by unforeseen circumstances of two of its most active and influential officers, and of several valuable workers, it appeared as if it would be difficult to accomplish much during this season, and some of the more timorous ladies were almost afraid to think of attempting anything, for fear of failure.

When however the members really came together and talked matters over, they were surprised to find how many energetic people there were, who were willing to take up the work that has done so much to infuse new vitality into the Church of England; and when we add that several ladies who have hitherto held aloof from the meetings, came forward and expressed a willingness to help, it is no wonder that all the ladies present began to feel in full accord with that line of the well-known hymn that runs, "And hearts were brave again," and in this spirit set about the preliminary arrangements for their seasons work.

We believe it has been decided to devote this winter's efforts to supplying the most pressing wants of one of the missions in our own diocese; the feeling among the ladies being that it was eminently proper for St. Alban's Cathedral Branch to expend their energies in assisting at least one of the struggling missions that are to be found in the out-lying portions of this diocese. In addition to this their principal work, the Woman's Auxiliary also undertake the house to house collections for the "Parochial Mission" fund; this important business was formerly done by ladies who could be induced to undertake it, in the different parishes; and in some parishes was entirely neglected. So that taking the diocese as a whole, the collections for this important fund were made irregularly, and with a want of system that was detrimental to the best interests of the Church.

Now, however, this work is performed at stated intervals, and is regularly accounted for, as a part of the ordinary duties of the members of the different branches of this flourishing organization; and with the result that a gratifying increase in this fund has taken place, since the matter has been placed in the hands of these faithful churchwomen.

The late Vice-president of St. Alban's Branch has with her accustomed liberality invited the Woman's Auxiliary to hold their next semi-annual meeting at her new home, Uxbridge; and it is hoped that this generous offer will meet with a general acceptance by the different branches, so that the hearts of our late Priest-vicar and his wife may be made glad by the knowledge that their earnest endeavors to promote the prosperity of this society are duly appreciated.

Cathedral School and Choir

THE CHOIR

We are glad to welcome back to the ranks of the Choir, several of our old boys who have been experiencing the inevitable rest from singing caused by the breaking of their boy voices. These young men, when boy choirsters were among the most faithful we ever had, each of them spending all the life of their boy voices, which with some lasted five or six years.

It is matter for congratulation that so important a section as the musical element in the work of the Cathedral should be in so sound a condition, particularly when we take into account the difficulties unavoidably presenting themselves. Among these may be mentioned the floor of the practice room being torn up, necessitating carrying on the choir practice in the vestry, with no instrument but a tuning fork available. These have been the conditions under which our music has been prepared for the past three weeks and when these drawbacks are considered it is evident much credit is due to the Choir and its Trainer.

The approach of Christmas entails a great deal of work on the members of our Choir, who have been for some weeks, and will be for the remaining time from now until that happy festival hard at practice. It will be seen below, Christmas eve coming on a Sunday; after the evening service several very beautiful carols will be rendered preceding the recessional hymn. The congregation remaining in their places.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY—Anthem, Sir Joseph Bambys
"Sing and rejoice O daughter of Sion" with choral Communion.

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE—Psalm 119

AFTER THE BLESSING

- CAROLS—1. A Virgin most pure
2. Come to the Manger
3. The Virgin stills the crying
4. Ring the Bells, the Christmas Bells

THE SCHOOL

The following is the standing of the 1st and 2nd boy of each class, from the November report—

4TH FORM		3RD FORM	
1st. R. Hilton		1st. L. Dixon	
2nd. D. Roden		2nd. O. Evans	
2ND FORM		1ST FORM	
1st. G. Maclean		1st. Jno. Macdonald	
2nd. Wm. Ince		2nd. E. A. Stanger	

In the case of the 3rd form the competition was so close as to turn the balance by a very small fraction.

Satisfactory and economical arrangements have been made with Mrs. Ryan of Bathurst Street, for providing a substantial luncheon for those attending the school coming from a distance.

Our Young People

WHAT BOYS CAN DO

Some of our boys, especially the more conscientious ones, in looking upon life, with its many varying features, and countless changes, wonder what they can do to help along the right, and keep down the wrong. Well, I will not lecture you, but will just mention what one boy did not long ago.

It is said that during that fierce battle at Elands-laagte, just as the Gordon Highlanders were making their final charge, one of the Boer buglers, in order to deceive the British, sounded the English call to cease fire; and so well did he do it that some of the Highlanders thought it was their own bugler, and actually stopped firing; no sooner however did the Highland bugler perceive this, than he immediately sounded a piercing call to advance; and thus frustrated the design of the enemy, and won the day.

Boys, there is your example; whenever you see a comrade faltering in his upward career, and listening to the call of the enemy, at once sound the advance and step onward beside him, fighting shoulder to shoulder against the legions of Sin and Satan; and in the strength of our God you shall certainly overcome your foes; then in that last Great Day of Review, will you hear your Captain's voice say, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WHAT GIRLS CAN ACCOMPLISH

Many of our girls are apt to think that if they were only boys, how much they could do for the cause of true religion, but being only girls there seems to be very little that they can do. Let us just see if this view is correct.

A long time ago a girl was living quietly at home with her parents, perhaps thinking how uneventful her life was, and longing to be of some use in the world, when a great misfortune suddenly befel her. For some soldiers from an adjoining kingdom, formed themselves into companies (like the Boers are doing now) and looted the country around where she lived, tearing her from her parents embrace, and carrying her away from the home of her childhood, as a slave. She was taken to the capital of the country and made a servant to the general of the army. This man was a great warrior and a great favorite with his master; but was afflicted with such a terrible disease, that this girl felt very sorry for him; so crushing down her own sense of cruel injustice in being forcibly taken away from her home, she determined to speak to her mistress about a plan she had for getting him cured. And so it came about that the little maid was the instrument under the hand of our God, in bringing about the cure of Naaman the Syrian, from his leprosy.

If a little slave girl could accomplish so much because she was actuated by pure and lofty motives working through faith, then surely there is much that each of you can do, if you try as she did.

Our new Priest Vicar is no longer a stranger among us. He has been most assiduous in becoming familiar with the details of his work and been most cordially welcomed in the numerous visits he has already made. He has many calls yet to make before he has the personal acquaintance of each of the congregation but more than he has done so far could not be expected. No part of his work with us will be left undone—no one will be overlooked and every interest will be taken by him to make the Church life of each one what it is intended and should be—a vital reality and their comfort in the services and worship an inspiration. His own part he alone can do, leaving the rest to the individual. His Secretarial duties to the Bishop will not interfere with the most generous performance of all his pastoral obligations.

At the Meeting of the Congregation recently held it was gratifying, so many of the men interested in St. Alban's came together and discussed various matters of progress in relation to the improvements needed and incidentally how the debt can receive greater attention and the burden of both principal and interest lightened. It is of special importance that the capacity of the growing congregation is testing the present accommodation. It is felt that an effort to provide further seating would be met by increased numbers in attendance, and thereby an increased revenue. Let the friends of St. Alban's be in earnest to its best interests and we are assured that further progress is within our reach if we are faithful to our obligations and privileges.

The Congregation have been called together recently to consider urgent matters of repair to the Cathedral and the ways and means to that end. The floor of the crypt began to show signs of giving way from natural decay after some ten years of use having run its life. At the meeting on the thirteenth ult. it was unanimously resolved to proceed immediately with the repairs to the floor, the members present pledging themselves to raise the amount required. A committee was appointed to consider, confer and report upon the improvements deemed urgent. On the twentieth the adjoined Meeting took place, his Lordship the Bishop presiding and the report of the committee was presented and discussed. A finance committee was appointed to assist in raising the necessary funds and if possible a further sum to enable other improvements to be made which were recommended by the Advisory Committee. It being ascertained that the floor relaid upon new joists would only be of a temporary character, it was decided to act upon the Architect's recommendation and lay the floor upon a concrete foundation and at the same time lower it a foot below its former level thus adding to the interior height of the Crypt, and being at the same time a manifest improvement while effecting a considerable saving of expense. Until the Committee have completed their work and have canvassed the members of the congregation individually for their support and the result ascertained it is impossible to give much attention to other matters of change and improvement. It is hoped that the encouragement will be such that these things can be taken up at an early date.

P. M. C.

Occasionally we are asked, as to the meaning of these letters, P. M. C. They stand for the words "Parochial Missionary Collections,"—a somewhat long title and as it is greatly used, the contraction is found convenient. Our Bishop organized the "Parochial Missionary Association" in 1882 and by a resolution of the Synod of this Diocese in 1894, the Woman's Auxiliary was asked to take charge of this most important work—one of the most important the Auxiliary has to do with—on the plan of systematic Parochial collections.

Each individual in every Parish is asked to contribute to the different funds of this Association or to any special Mission field he or she may favour—either Diocesan, Domestic (the great North West and Algoma) or Foreign.

More missions need to be opened in our own Diocese and something beyond starvation incomes paid to those men suffering hardship and discouragement in many of our back woods settlements. It seems quite incredible, but there are large tracts where with no day schools people live who have not been taught the fundamental truths of religion. It has been told of one young woman of 18, bright and capable, who did not know she lived in a land called Canada, it is for these—our own people—that the P. M. C. was organized. Algoma too was thought of, and it will for many years be in need of help, as well also as our great North West with its widely scattered population. The Foreign field calls for help as well—India's women, China's uncounted millions and Japan's thousands waiting to hear the word, have claims too on those who believe in spreading the Gospel. It is for these missions, one or all, the collectors of the Parochial Missionary Association appeal when they visit the members of a congregation. The Woman's Auxiliary knowing the value in this as in other undertakings of the steadfast gathering in of the small sums asks each collector to make a call on her contributors once a month, but this work should be regularly done. There is no doubt a deeper interest would be taken in this great work of the church, if the necessities of the case were better appreciated.

It may be interesting to some people to know that a census taken by the chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews within the Cathedral precincts a month or so ago, shows that there is a population of 257 (representing 62 families) dwelling within the limits, of which about one-third are members of the Anglican Communion. The Presbyterians rank next, followed very closely by the Methodists.

We might add that the members of the Brotherhood met with a very courteous reception from nearly everyone with whom they came in contact when obtaining this information and many kind wishes were expressed for the future welfare of the Cathedral.

The Priest Vicar would like the names and addresses sent to him of all those in the Congregation not already known to him.