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St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

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SERVICE ACCOUNT.

APRIL.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory (average exclusive of Easter, \$33.51).....	\$100 54
" Good Friday	8 45
" Easter Day	196 81
Boxes: Building Fund.....	50
Flowers	50
Subscriptions to interest account	20 00
Balance	8 93
	<u>\$335 73</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st April.....	\$ 15 97
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	20 00
Gas account	21 06
Water rate	1 85
Electric service	15 00
Fuel	8 00
Repairs and sundries	4 25
" to furnace	16 63
Choir expenses	52
Paid on account debt	110 00
Interest	26 50
Nagano (subscription received in January)	5 00
Jewish Missions	8 45
Treasurer: Interest account.....	20 00
	<u>\$335 73</u>

A handsome brass alms bason is a valuable Easter gift from the Sunday School. This will enable the offertories to be received more conveniently and presented with greater dignity.

On a former occasion we informed the congregation of the need of an additional offertory plate. Wants made known have usually been supplied, but in this instance we were disap-

pointed, and the need still continues. The opening of the chapel for services would be a good opportunity for someone to supply this deficiency, as the old wooden one now in use in the choir, for which it is not very suitable, could be utilized for the chapel.

The choir offertory bags are worn out past mending: who will replace them with a new pair?

There has been more delay in finishing the chapel than we anticipated. It is, however, nearly completed, and will, we hope, be in use within a few days. The whole of the Close above the See house is to be fenced in, the work of fencing being now in progress. Permission has been obtained from the city to put the surrounding boulevards in proper order, so that we may expect the Cathedral grounds shortly to present a greatly improved appearance.

That the Chancellor of the Cathedral, Rev. Canon Welch, seems to intend his office to be one of usefulness and not a mere name, we infer from his course of sermons on Sunday evenings during Lent, which he has so speedily followed up by preaching on Sunday morning last, on which occasion his sermon on the observance of the Lord's Day was one very appropriate to the present agitation for Sunday street cars. It is to be much regretted that a violent storm caused

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a sparse attendance, so that there were not so many hearers as such a sermon should have had. The Chancellor did not advocate either of the views now so earnestly discussed, but treated the matter from a much higher point of view, setting forth the reasons and principles upon which the whole question of Sunday observance rests, and leaving it to his hearers to draw their own conclusions as to the application of such principles in detail as occasion may require.

One great source of annoyance and difficulty which besets the path of a choir master is the withdrawal of choristers without sufficient cause, some seeming to have but little appreciation of the work in its true nature and purpose, but being rather disposed to use it as a sort of singing school; and having, as they fancy, learned all that the choir master is able to teach or their fellow-members disposed to learn, go off to some other choir (or school) to improve their acquirements. From this evil we have fortunately been pretty free in St. Alban's, and we do not think that there have been many defections without good reason; nevertheless, even to a steady choir, it may not be amiss to mention an instance in

England, lately referred to in Church papers, of a chorister who died a member of the choir of his parish church, in which he had rendered his services for a period of eighty-three years. During that period the same choir had, at different times, among its members, three of the brothers of the deceased, four of his sons, and five of his grandsons.

For some six or seven years fittings for electric light have been in place in the choir, but no suitable electric service was within reach. The system in use in the city has, however, been now extended, and a connection has been made, so that on Easter Day evening a certain number of the lights were in use, the others not having been adjusted in time for that occasion. It so happened, however, that an accident to the electric light company's plant caused an interruption, so that the lights burned for no more than a few minutes. The lights now in the choir are hardly suitable for ordinary use, and if we are to use this light as a substitute for gas, some additional lights, placed in a lower position, will be required. The lights are arranged in groups, so that such as may be required on any occasion may be used without the remainder.