

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.

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—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.

Bible Class for Men, at 4 p.m., in the Chapel.

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

The regular Meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is held in the Chapel every Tuesday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock and the Girl's Branch at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. The Junior branch meets at 11 o'clock each Saturday morning.

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.

AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK

To any one who is interested in the welfare and progress of St. Albans this Easter has brought MUCH, VERY MUCH, of encouragement, and hope for the future. The two best ways of judging church progress are by considering the number of communicants, and the amount of contributions, and comparing these totals with other years.

Taking these tests and applying them, we cannot but be greatly cheered, for the improvement is so constantly maintained, and the progress for the last five years is so marked. We subjoin a table showing the facts referred to, a perusal of which we cannot but think will incite any and every well wisher of St. Alban's to renewed efforts for the ultimate success of the Cathedral undertaking.

	Number of Communicants on Easter Sunday.			Amt. of general Offertery
	8 o'clock	11 o'clock	Total	
1895	45	74	119	\$113 40
1896	42	87	129	104 32
1897	53	80	133	196 81*
1898	86	72	158	99 57
1899	74	90	164	127 74

But this is not all—We have had during these years, some generous souls who have been particularly blessed and who have wished to remember the Giver of all Blessings by making a particular offering for some definite object. And this Easter does not fall behind in this respect. A member of the congregation during Holy Week voluntarily offered to pay off half the debt on the organ (which five years ago was \$600 but has been reduced to \$80) hoping to stimulate some others to emulate him in this good work. This \$40 was given at Easter and must be added to the total general amount. A lady member of the congregation, we learn has also been making some money this Lent for the same purpose. And we have no doubt that some one will now come forward and pay off the balance of this debt.

If we include the children's offerings at the afternoon service, and this special gift of \$40, there was offered for the work of the Church at St. Alban's on Easter Day the amount of \$176.65.

* Of this amount one hundred dollars was contributed by one individual.

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THE GIRLS' AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the St. Alban's Girls' Auxiliary was held in the Chapel on Monday Evening, March 13th, 1899. Mrs. de Pencier and eighteen members were present. Miss Gray read a letter from the Leaflet, an account of the Black-foot Hospital telling of the work there and also gave a short account of the last monthly meeting which was held on Thursday, March 9th at St. Thomas'.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President	Miss Carrie Hamilton
Honorary Vice President	Miss Gray
1st Vice President	Miss E. Paddon
2nd " "	Miss D. Zimmerman
Secretary	Miss Madge Holt
Treasurer	Miss Gretchen Meyer

Mrs. de Pencier closed the meeting with Prayer.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

When any number of christian people meet together, and with united hearts and voices present their praises and petitions at the throne of grace—that is public prayer.

When any one of God's children, moved by His Holy Spirit, withdraws from all others, and pours out his soul before Him who seeth in secret—that is private prayer.

When any one of God's people who has for many years been led by Him through the wilderness of this world, and like Bunyan's pilgrim has passed through the dark "Valley of the shadow of death" and escaping the allurements of "Vanity Fair" has arrived at the land of "Beulah," from the tops of whose mountains occasional glimpses of the heavenly Jerusalem may be obtained—when the spirit of such an one—forgetful of its bodily environment—oblivious of everything earthly—rising on the wings of faith—penetrating even to the heaven of heavens—prostrating itself before that Glorious Being in whose presence the dazzling light of the mid-day sun sinks into dim shadow—craves such sustenance as is of the very essence of the souls existence—THIS IS PRAYER.

WORLDINESS AND ITS CURE

What is Worldiness? Probably the answer first on our lips would be—Oh! the delighting in things of the world, the mad rush after pleasure, the gratification of all desires, and the gradual sinking into a life of sin and evil. Is that true though? Is that the form the Worldliness of the present day is taking? We are not of those who think the world is getting worse and worse and more steeped in wickedness and sin, our Faith in God prevents such a thought; we have only to look carefully around us to disprove that theory. The tone of public morality is on a higher plane than it ever was; public opinion, that mighty force of modern nations, is set against the things it once countenanced and encouraged, and instead is struggling hard to follow good, legislation and unwritten laws of conventionality are based more and more on ethical principles. Justice, Truth and Morality are rapidly becoming the standards by which we judge character, and our great public institutions for the care of the sick and poor and helpless are living witnesses of the growth of humanitarian feelings amongst us. In fact to quote

the closing words of a book by one of the cleverest students of Social Evolution—"An Ethical movement is taking place, in which qualities and attributes, which we have been all taught to regard as the very highest of which human nature is capable, find the completest expression they have ever reached in the history of the Race"—And yet we are getting more worldly!—What, then, is Worldiness? In a few words we may perhaps best describe it as—A neglect of the means God has Himself provided to lift the Human Race to a position it has never before occupied; a neglect which leads to a forgetfulness of the God who has provided these means—In other words, it isn't that we are not trying to do, and to be good, we ARE trying and perhaps unnecessarily hard, because our energy is to a certain extent wasted by being mis-directed and misplaced.

And now for the cure, because there is a cure:—we need a fuller and more practical realization of the complete life of a member of Christ's Society, the Church; we want to more thoroughly appreciate the fact that we ARE members, with all the duties, privileges and responsibilities that such membership entails. Let us divest our minds of the idea that Salvation consists in mere church going, or that our duties as members (i. e. christians) end when we leave the church doors on Sunday evening, that is utterly false; as a matter of fact we are less truly working members of the Society when we are in church than at any other time; that is our time for spiritual refreshment and mutual encouragement, and it is only in proportion as we labour and love and are weary in the cause of our Master, we shall receive refreshing strength and renewed energy from our meeting together to worship and praise our Lord. Our work must be done, our practical christian lives must be lived, outside the church doors, we must put into practice the precepts and rules of our Society, wherever we are and at all times. A full attendance at our churches will follow as a matter of course, for that will be the outward and visible sign and a witness to the world, that we are indeed realizing that God's ways are not our ways, and that His methods are best; and with that realization will come an increasing love for God and a desire to follow more closely the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH

The crying need of the present day is for a truer conception of the claims and methods of the Church and for a better knowledge of Her history. In all man-made institutions and societies, for the benefit of our temporal lives, it is a test of good membership, almost, for the members to be well grounded in the rules and regulations of their order, and to have a thorough knowledge of the ritual connected with the proper carrying out of the functions of their Society; the members will point with pride to the date of their organization, and will never tire of telling us about the beauty, and grandeur, and strength of their Institutions, and will not be satisfied until they have induced others to become members also. If all this obtains in matters relating to the temporal life, how much more important it is when we are considering the affairs of the Spiritual Life. God Himself has instituted a Divine Society—The Church—and we, its members, should recognize and value the privileges we enjoy and take upon ourselves the responsibilities such membership entails. We must be active members thoroughly conversant with the history of our Society, recog-

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nizing none other than our Lord as Its Founder, appreciating to the full the inestimable advantages of its system and methods and having an intelligent and reverent interest in its beautiful and inspiring Liturgy and Ritual. We shall then find out the full meaning of those things that at present we understand but darkly, and with this increased knowledge will come a greater love for God and a desire to do all things more and more to His glory. We cannot separate God from His Church, and the more we learn about the Church the better shall we be able to comprehend the Wisdom and Love of God.

JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS

A Bible Class has lately been started for boys who have left the Sunday School but hardly care to join the Men's Bible Class. We know there are many boys who attend St. Alban's who are quite eligible for this class and we very much wish they would attend, it is held in the Library at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. All information regarding it can be obtained from Mr. Frank Hamilton, 240 Borden Street. PLEASE Boys think seriously of this, we want you all to come.

A PECULIAR POSITION

The men of St. Alban's Cathedral congregation are in a very peculiar position, above all men in the Diocese we imagine these would especially be interested in the upbuilding of our Cathedral, and yet being members of a Cathedral Congregation and consequently in no way attached to a parish Church, they are absolutely disenfranchised. It is true they are not called upon to pay Synod Dues and assessments but at the same time the privileges of proper representation at the Synod would far out weigh any responsibilities such representation would entail; and it is certainly worth while to find out some way of attaining that end. If the Canons of the Cathedral positively forbid any arrangement by which we can secure proper representation at the Synod, surely every man attending the Cathedral, could subscribe his name to the list of voters at the vestry meeting of the Church in the Parish of which he resides, we believe the declaration to be signed would not be any obstacle. Communicating NOT less than three times a year legally entitles one to be called a "regular communicant" and we certainly should not be attaching ourselves to any other PARISH Church by attending the Cathedral services as regularly as heretofore. Of course it is too late to take any action THIS year, but at least the idea is worth thinking seriously about. Two or three aggressive men at the Vestry meetings of the Churches in our vicinity could work a marvellous change in influencing the minds of their fellow Churchmen, and we sincerely hope that some definite action will be taken before next Year.

ANNUAL REPORT, WOMEN'S AUXILLARY, 1899

There is nothing of great importance to record in our work during the past year, Though 4 new associates have joined the Branch, others have left, so our numbers continue about the same. 24 working members, 9 honorary.

Our working parties are not well attended, the average attendance being only 10. A bale of clothing was sent to the

Rev. E. Soward of Kinmount in December, together with presents for the xmas tree. The Branch is hoping to send a parcel of clothing to the Rev. H. Robinson's motherless children at Lesser Slave Lake, and a small bale to the St. Andrews Mission conducted by the Rev. E. White of White Fish Lake Athabasca. This mission is purely Indian. They have a small church nearly finished. The place is about 240 miles from Athabasca Landing, the bales go by the Athabasca River to Lesser Slave Lake and from thence to White Fish Lake. A most kind letter from Bishop Young on the subject has been received by the Branch.

Through the exertions of our 1st Vice President the number of those who take in the Leaflet has been increased and there are now 40 copies distributed monthly.

The two great features of the season have been, the establishing of the Parochial Mission Collection in the District, and the entertaining for the first time of the Diocesan Board in the Crypt of the Cathedral.

At present the system adopted for the Parochial Mission Collection answers. Nine ladies call at the different houses of the regular Church goers to collect each month. In January, \$27.60 was sent in, in February, \$15.00, in March, \$11.48. Each month the sum varies on account of some subscriptions being yearly, quarterly or monthly.

On January 12th the Diocesan Board met in the Crypt of St. Alban's. The meeting was the most successful, and the luncheon given by the members of the St. Alban's Branch was highly praised.

SERVICE ACCOUNT

MARCH, 1899

RECEIPTS

Offertory: Average \$34.43.....	\$137 74
" Diocesan Missions.....	1 00
" Hospital and Jail Chaplain.....	1 00
" Good Friday—for the Jews.....	9 61
Interest Account.....	33 75
Balance, 31st March.....	95 60

\$278 70

EXPENDITURE

Balance 28th February.....	\$ 96 21
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Choir: Casing for Piano.....	5 14
" Washing Surplices.....	3 50
Repairs.....	1 60
" Plumbing and Heating fittings.....	29 30
Sexton Sundries.....	2 34
Interest.....	44 50
" Paid to Bishop's Fund.....	2 00
Synod—for Diocesan Missions.....	1 00
Goal Chaplain, per Rev. A. U. de Pencier.....	1 00
D. Kemp, for Jewish Missions.....	9 61

\$278 70

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ST. ALBAN'S SCHOOL.

The school closed for the Easter holidays on Thursday, the 30th March, and will open again on Monday, April 10.

During the past term twenty eight boys were in attendance, and on Monday we expect to have thirty-two. The boys have now a uniform cap with the Cathedral coat of arms on the front, which makes a very neat and appropriate headdress.

A number of the boys have intimated their intention of joining the choir, the ranks of which through various causes have somewhat thinned of late; and this addition coming from the school is very gratifying to all concerned in both organizations.

The following is a list of the first and second boys of each class. Results of work for month of March.

SENIOR THIRD BOOK

1st. Dudley Roden 2nd. Humphrey Vernon

JUNIOR THIRD BOOK

1st. Owen Evans 2nd. Gordon Stirling

SENIOR SECOND BOOK

1st Wm. Ince 2nd. Fred Macdonald

JUNIOR SECOND BOOK

1st. John Macdonald 2nd. Arthur Stanger

The Easter Music at St. Albans was excellent this year. Much praise is due the assiduous and talented leader: the Organist and others, for their devotion to the melody of the Church. It was a most gracious act for Miss Carmichael to enrich the occasion by her beautiful and cultivated voice.

The Cricket Club of St. Alban's recently held its annual Meeting. It was well attended and the report gave a good account of the standing and success of their club. Forty members—all debts paid—a balance to credit and great enthusiasm for the coming season, well entitled the former officers to be re-elected. Every lover of this game (and what Englishman is not) especially in the district of St. Alban's, should throw his zeal into this Club and make it famous. The founder Mr. Mathews, so earnest and devoted to all that pertains to the welfare of St. Alban's, will gladly enroll new members.

The year 1900 is within sight. What can be done for a fitting memorial of the occasion in St. Alban's—the Cathedral Church of the diocese. Suggestions will be gladly received and published in our Notes. Early arrangements will ensure greater success.

St. Alban's Cathedral will gladly receive from some generous churchman or churchwoman a new BELL. One of a rich tone would thrill the district, and all classes share in the joys imparted by this messenger of solace and peace.

The Royal Standard graces many a Cathedral and it would be a gracious act for the young Ladies of the congregation to present St. Alban's with one worthy of their handiwork, and of the glorious history it is at all times the emblem.

An act will be introduced at the Dominion Parliament this session to make it a criminal offence for any Clergyman to take part in elections whether on the public platform or from their pulpits.

EVERY DAY SABBATH SOMEWHERE

By different nations every day in the week is set apart for public worship—Sunday by the Christian Monday by the Greeks, Tuesday by the Persians, Wednesday by the Assyrians, Thursday by the Egyptians, Friday by the Turks, and Saturday by the Jews.

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHAPEL

The little Singing Boys of the Chapel Royal

It is surprising how few people know anything of the very unique services that are held occasionally in the private chapel in St. James, Palace. Of the millions who visit the city every year on sight-seeing bent, only an odd one here and there ever enters the old grey palace in Pall Mall.

As a matter of fact, orders of admission can invariably be obtained from the Lord Chamberlain for the midday service on Sunday. It need hardly be said that the music rendered is some of the finest in London. But that is not the only interest in the place. One of the quaintest sights in connection with the splendor of our court is the handful of little singing boys who are officially known as "the children of the Chapel."

These boys, ten in number, are educated and generally maintained by Her Majesty during their term of office. They enter the chapel at about ten years of age, and remain there till their voices break, usually at about fifteen years of age.

The Chapel Royal, St. James' dates a long way back into history, and many of the antique customs are maintained to this day—notably the dress worn by "the Children." Their undress uniform has a semi-military appearance, being of dark blue cloth with scarlet pipings and gilt buttons; though the little Eton jacket and ordinary college cap proclaim the fact that it is a scholastic, rather than a military uniform.

(to be continued)