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The Great Diamond Jubilee has come and gone. It is beyond the scope of this paper to comment at length, even if our space admitted of it, upon matters with which we have no special connection apart from others. The great event to which we now refer has also been so widely discussed that anything we could say would simply be a repetition of what has been already said many times over. One thing, however, we may note *en passant* as a matter of personal observation, and which has been but little remarked upon, and that is the widespread spontaneous and almost personal interest which seems to have been felt by the many who are not usually much moved by public events, plainly evidenced by the simple circumstance that of the many thousands of people who thronged the route of the procession in this city on 22nd ult., nearly every person, old and young, gentle and simple, rich and poor, displayed some personal decoration such as a ribbon or badge or a bit of Victoria tartan. We have seen many pageants and many crowds, but we never before witnessed any event—not even the return of the Toronto Brigade from the North-West in 1885—where the spectators seemed to feel so thoroughly identified themselves with what was going on before them. Another instance is worth recording; a young maid in a city household, returning a day or two before Jubilee day from a visit to her relatives who live in a poor outlying district some distance north-west of St. Alban's, described to her mistress how her people and their neighbours were decorating their houses, and on being asked how they could afford to spend money so, replied, "They will go without a dinner if necessary, but they will have the decorations."

From the *Canadian Churchman* we clip an account of our doings (which quite properly takes it for granted that the prescribed Jubilee service was used, and appropriate music), as follows :

"The decorations in St. Alban's were in accordance with strict propriety, comprising everything which should be present and nothing more, the spirit of the decoration being to avoid a gaudy and meaningless profusion and to admit nothing but what was strictly correct and proper for the occasion, and every detail had a definite purpose and significance. There were no decorations in the sanctuary, excepting red and white flowers. Upon the pulpit was a large bouquet of roses, Scotch thistles, shamrocks and maple leaves, with pendants of Victoria tartan ribbon. On the side of the pulpit was a trophy of the six national flags, viz., the Royal Standard (looped with Victoria ribbon), the Canadian Ensign, the White, Blue and Red Ensigns, and the Union Jack. Only one Royal Standard was used, but the other five flags were repeated around the building, 31 in all being used, and no other flags were allowed, nor was any fanciful decoration admitted. Bunches of maple leaves were used in suitable places, and a small quantity of Victoria tartan. The Rev. Mr. DePencier preached a most earnest and patriotic sermon."

The most of the decorations remained up until after the following Sunday.

On the 5th ult., Misses Edith Sweatman and Edith Cross gave a Children's Garden Party in the See House grounds, at the close of which they had the pleasure of handing to the Rev. Mr. DePencier a sum of \$17.50 to be applied towards furnishing the Chapel.

In a recent number we noted the gift of an alms bason. This has now been provided with a mat of dark crimson velvet beautifully embroidered in gold by Miss Elma Arthurs.

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MONTHLY NOTES.

Mrs. Hardy has had the old offertory plates replated.

Several gifts for the Chapel have been received:—From Miss Elma Arthurs, embroidered Offertory bags; from Mr. Hardy a new coal stove; Master A. Hardy, an Altar desk; Misses Edith Cross and Edith Sweatman, the proceeds of their garden party, which we note elsewhere, towards a brussels carpet for the little chancel and platform in front of it; Mr. Harry McCollum, \$2 towards furnishing.

Mr. Hardy has also given an oak lectern which will be used in the Cathedral, and the one now used there will be placed in the Chapel.

Synod week was marked by the usual Synod Service at St. Alban's, fairly well attended notwithstanding a wet evening, and by the Bishop's reception to the Clergy and Lay delegates, which also was rather interfered with by bad weather, which compelled the guests to remain indoors.

The Bishop left for England on 11th ult., to attend the Lambeth Conference. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sweatman and their two younger children.

THE CHOIR ABROAD.

The Cathedral grounds are usually a scene of activity on Saturday afternoons at this time of year, but on the 26th May they were almost deserted, twenty-one boys of the Choir, with Rev. A. U. DePencier and Messrs. Matthews, Baylis, Hamilton and George, having gone across the lake to play a cricket match against the boys of Bishop Ridley College. They left by the steamer *Empress* at 7 a.m., and on arriving at St. Catharines were met by a Ridley boy with a van to take them to the College, which they found *en fête*, as it was "Old Boys' Day." The collegians entertained them with the opponent team at a 12 o'clock dinner, after which play

began. Our boys were unfortunately defeated, but they played creditably and won frequent applause from a large crowd of spectators who were present. Afternoon tea, with such accompaniments as are usually found to delight the average boy, presided over by Mrs. Millar, wife of the Principal, and a staff of the fair maids of St. Kit's, helped to render a pleasant day all the more agreeable. The party returned in the evening having an enjoyable sail home, during which they wakened up the decks and saloons of the old "*Empress*" with choruses, patriotic songs, and solos, capitally accompanied on the piano by Mr. George, concluding with "God Save the Queen," joined in by all the passengers on board. The behaviour of the boys won good opinions from all persons, and their cap badges of the arms of the Cathedral attracted much attention.

On the whole a very pleasant day was spent, thanks chiefly to the hospitable people of Ridley both Seniors and Juniors, to whom we shall hope to be able to render some return in kind at a future date.

SERVICE ACCOUNT.

JUNE.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory (average, \$31.07).....	\$124 30
" at Synod Service	21 05
Special Subscription for interest	31 75
Subscriptions for Decorations and Sale of Flags	7 00
Balance	48 86
	\$232 96

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 31st May	\$ 18 81
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	20 00
Organist's Salary	25 00
Choir Expenses	2 58
Electric Light	4 12
Insurance on Chapel	4 00
On account debt	10 00
Interest	26 15
" Special	31 75
Jubilee Decorations	7 00
Synod Mission Fund	21 05
	\$232 96