

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—

### 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.

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

For the season the Woman's, Girls and Junior  
Auxiliaries have discontinued their regular weekly  
meetings.

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

AUGUST 1899

#### RECEIPTS

Offertory: average \$19.78 ..... \$ 79 04  
Balance 31st August ..... 151 02

\$230 06

#### EXPENDITURE

Balance 31th July ..... \$108 96  
Clerical Stipends ..... 92 50  
Sexton's Salary ..... 20 00  
Printing Account Monthly Notes ..... 8 00  
Choir Laundry ..... 60

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The offertory during August shows a considerable  
falling off—some \$35—as compared with last year.  
It is to be hoped that September will make a better  
showing, as it will be observed that our adverse  
balance is now \$150. This should be wiped out dur-  
ing September and October so that we may begin  
the next financial year, commencing 1st November,  
with a clear sheet.

Since the Bishop left for England and Mr. de Pen-  
cier entered upon his new Parish duties the services  
of St Alban's have been supplied as follows:

Sunday August 6. Rev. Joseph S. Cole.

Sunday August 13. Rev. M. Pardoe, Incumbent of  
Ilfracombe.

Sunday August 20. Rev. Mr. Roberts, Assistant  
Rector of Grace Church, Toronto, and in the evening  
the Rev. Mr. Cole.

Sunday August 27. Rev. Mr. Clark of the Diocese  
of Ottawa.

The services have been unusually well attended and  
Clergymen and strangers of other parts have visited  
with us whom we are always glad to see and welcome.

The Bishop is expected to return at the end of this  
month when arrangements for the appointment of the  
Priest-Vicar will be completed.

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### THE CHOIR CAMP.

As has before been stated it was found impossible to find a suitable camping ground on this side of the Lake within easy reach of the city; all such places being already occupied by other camps and cottages. On account of this we ventured across the Lake and made our home for three weeks in a beautiful oak grove on the farm of Mr. Bernard, about three miles west of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, where we found ourselves amongst peaches and apples, there being several large orchards on the property, from which, through the kindness of the proprietor, we were allowed to help ourselves.

We left the Cathedral on Monday, July 24th, and made our way down to the dock at 2 p.m.; on our arrival there we experienced some trouble with the 1st officer of the steamer Chippewa who refused to allow our tents' boat, etc. to be put on board, saying that they did not carry freight; however, we found the captain and after explaining to him the predicament we should be in if landed without our tents and boat, he allowed them to be carried but said we would have to put them on ourselves as they had all the hands putting on coal and could not spare the time. As soon as this was settled the boys set to work like a lot of stevedores carrying on bundles, pots, tents, boxes and the boat, etc., getting all on just in time for the start from the dock.

On our arrival at Niagara we were met by Mr. Bernard who had a team of horses waiting to carry the boys and baggage out to the farm, while a few of us rowed out in the boat which we took with us.

The boat party was the first to reach the camp grounds, but shortly afterwards the wagon with its large load of both live and dead weight was to be seen coming through the trees, and about an hour later the camp with its four sleeping and one provision tent was to be seen in all its glory; the next thing to be done was to make a kitchen and prepare our tea, as by this time we were all pretty hungry. This was soon done, the kitchen consisting of a pole reaching from a rail fence to a tree about ten feet distant, from this we soon had the pots suspended and the water boiling, and in a few moments we were on the ground enjoying our bread and cheese as though we had not had a meal for several days. By the time we had satisfied the inner man we began making preparations for turning in, but any one who has been to a boy's camp will know that the first night is not conducive to sound sleeping, this one was no exception to the rule and I think it would be safe to say that the majority were awake all night, as those who would otherwise have slept were subject to the pranks of those who were otherwise inclined. This is the general rule the following nights—find all in deep slumbers. By the end of the next day everything was settled and running in good order, the boys having been divided into three

squads for doing the work of the camp, which consisted chiefly in preparing meals and washing dishes, pots, etc. In order that all should have an equal share of the work, it was arranged so that each squad would take charge of a different meal each day, and each worked under its captain who was generally one of the elder boys chosen by themselves, the captain taking his orders from the cook who was also general supervisor of everything in general about the camp. There was no lack of amusements, the bathing being all that could be wished for there being a fine sandy beach, the same kind of a bottom and as we could wade out a tremendous distance without being over our depth there was no danger, but above all what is most pleasing to the bather is the freedom from apparel and as we were far from any neighbors the bathing suit was reserved only to be used in case of visitors being in camp. Besides bathing we spent many hours in fishing and playing cricket, boating, playing in the barn and roving about the orchards, sometimes helping to pick peaches and other fruit for market, and riding down on the fruit wagon to the boats and helping to load and unload, all of which work was new to most of us. We explored the ruins of the two old forts Mississauga and Fort George and a great many other interesting places connected with the history of the country. We were entertained by Mrs. M. Servos who invited all over to her house one evening which is one of the oldest in the district, it being the homestead of the farm on the opposite side of the road to the one we were on. One room is set apart as a museum containing relics of the war of 1812, the American Revolution of 1776, and the Pioneer U. E. Loyalists of Ontario, she being a descendant of that noble stock. On both the Sundays we went to St. Mark's Church in the town and were given seats in the south transept close to the choir and were invited to assist in the singing, which of course we did as far as possible. The Rev. Mr. Garrett, rector of the Church extended the invitation and asked us to bring our vestments next year and to give them our regular service; which we hope to do. One of the most enjoyable and interesting days was that spent in visiting the Falls and Queenston Heights, Mr. Bernard kindly driving the whole party in a large wagon to these places; we went by the road which passes through the village of St. David's where the boys evinced much interest on account of it being the resting place where Mrs. Secord stopped to get her breakfast while on her perilous journey on foot from Stoney Creek to Beaver Dams. As Mr. Bernard pointed out the ruins of the old mill which was occupied by her relatives, the people living about the roadside were made aware of our whereabouts by hearing the strains of the "Maple Leaf," and "Queenston Heights," sung by the whole party as the wagon rolled along. To any one who is not familiar with this part of the country it will be interesting to note that the road runs through an almost continuous succession of orchards and vineyards, in some of these the ground was yellow under the harvest apple trees with fallen fruit and some of our party

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being pretty active would jump down and keep the rest of us supplied with the tempting fruit until we came to a tunnel at the foot of the hill about five miles west of Brock's Monument, where we all got down and walked up the hill, getting in again at the top and after about another hour's ride we found ourselves at the world renowned Horseshoe Falls; here we put the horses in an hotel stable while we went down to the park and had our luncheon in the Park. After this we had two or three hours to see the sights and wonders, also as some of the boys had some money burning in their pockets it was a splendid opportunity to buy souvenirs, and by the time we were ready to go back to the waggon quite a number were seen to have cardboard boxes under their arms containing ships made of hells, etc.

On the return journey we went by Queenston, stopped at Brock's monument and recalled the battle fought there, explored the earthworks thrown up by the enemy and made our way down the steps to the stone erected by the Prince of Wales at the spot where General Brock fell, here we met the caretaker, an old pensioner who told us some interesting anecdotes of his service in Canada. We met the waggon at the foot of the hill, it going around by the road while we went straight down by the steps and foot path. By the time we drove down the beautiful River road to Niagara on the Lake it was 8.30 p.m. just two hours too late to avail ourselves of the kind invitation of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, which was also extended to the choir of St Mary Magdalen and the Church Boys Brigade who were camping there at the same time, to an ice cream entertainment, so that we sent an apology and drove out to the camp arriving there shortly after 9 p.m., a pretty tired lot of boys.

The remaining days passed so quickly that we could scarcely realize we were near the end of the third week, but the last Thursday was the birthday of one of the boys and on the eve of that day we sent to town to get the ingredients to make a plum pudding with which to celebrate the occasion, we also invited our host and hostess to dine with us, they accepting the invitation; and if anyone would like to know how the dinner went off, let them just ask any one of the boys who was there.

For the benefit of those who are interested in this annual outing perhaps some would like to know how the expenses are paid. The total expenses amounted to \$72.30 of which seven dollars was subscribed by various members of the congregation, the remaining \$69.30 by the boys themselves, each boy being assessed one dollar per week. It will be seen that there is a surplus of \$4.00

The thanks of all concerned are due to those members of the Congregation who have helped by their subscriptions, and to our host Mr. Bernard who made us as welcome on his farm as if we had been his own boys, and did everything to make us enjoy ourselves, besides having our luggage carted, driving us about,

supplying us with vegetables, and giving us the run of the orchards; all this being done out of sheer good will and kindly hospitality.

### SO RUN THE RACE WHICH IS SET BEFORE YOU.

I have been asked to prepare a paper to be read at this meeting and would claim your attention for a few minutes while I endeavor, to the best of my ability, to show how by fulfilling our Brotherhood vows of prayer and service we may best overcome the hindrances we meet with in running the race entitled Life so that we may secure the much coveted prize of a place in our Father's Kingdom. Unlike an earthly race our course is full of obstructions and the contestants are not limited, for every one is entered but all can secure the prize by running in the right direction. All athletes know that to excel in any form of sport training is very essential; you also know that a Christian's training commences at the Baptism and is continued to their Confirmation, so for the sake of being brief, as this is addressed to Christian members, we are all in a fit condition to enter, if we have not already done so, in this race. But entering is not only sufficient, we must be prepared to meet obstacles which as I have said, beset our path and herein comes the benefit of the first part of our vows, namely Prayer, for without it we are of no avail; the course is long and night comes on bringing darkness in its train and how often in this darkness we are careless and stumble over the rock of indifference, sometimes, also, over-confidence, especially when we think we are perfect and cannot be better; this, then, is surely the time when we should be on the alert and show the benefit of our training but which we can only do by the grand strength of never ceasing intercession with our Father who is always ready to help those who call upon Him.

Another sharp pointed obstacle over which many a runner has a fall is the word Success, as used in a worldly term, for the heart and mind are so often fixed on the thought of how to heap up this world's gains, very often at the expense of other people, that its dazzling brightness, which after all only lasts a brief space, produces selfishness and many other lusts of the flesh which are the wiles of the Devil who is ever in the path ready to hinder if not to disable us altogether. This obstruction can also be safely passed by stopping to think for one moment from whom all these material things are obtained and then pass on living for others instead of for one's self, doing all that lies in our power to help along any poor benighted brother who from various other causes fall.

Also consider for a moment the great force there is in the example of a life well spent. We are marked men, liable to be pointed out at any post, so we should show our colors at all times; never be ashamed or

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cause other people to be ashamed of any of our thoughts, words or deeds for they may at some future time be the means of a fatal accident to another competitor.

In conclusion I would like to ask you, brother, individually do you consider you are laying aside every weight and the sins which do so easily beset us and running with patience the race that is set before us? If not, why not?

The Archdeacon of Halifax, Yorkshire, England, Rev. Mr. Brooke, attended service at St Albans on the 13 ult., and was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. J. R. Hill, Vicar of Lightcliffe, Yorkshire.

The St. Alban's Cathedral School, which has every prospect of continuing its past success, will reopen on Friday the 15th day of September. Owing to the seats being limited to 32, it has been deemed advisable to restrict the applicants to boys who have mastered the rudimentary rules of reading and writing, as far as the beginning of the Second Reader. An interesting feature this year will be the presentation of the Annual "Goodman" medal for general proficiency, the date of which will be announced on the return of his Lordship the Bishop from England.

### WORK ON THE DOCKS.

In the August number of the "Saint Andrew's Cross," the following notice, having reference to the Brotherhood work on the Toronto Docks, may have some interest for the Cathedral Congregation. St. Alban's Chapter sends from two to five men every Sunday afternoon to help in this work, and it is certainly gratifying to know that such good results have attended their efforts.

"Brotherhood work on the Toronto docks is being carried on with renewed energy and added interest. Every Sunday afternoon at half-past two a shortened form of Evening Prayer is read followed by a practical sermon. Of course it is very hard to estimate the actual results of work of this nature, but it is certainly very encouraging to see the same men present Sunday after Sunday, showing quite plainly that they appreciate the services of the church and are glad to have an opportunity of hearing the gospel. This year the congregation is kept much more compact by having benches placed on the wharf close to the clergyman. The Dock Committee have built a shed to protect these benches and to store the other furniture, all of which gives the work a greater degree of prominence than ever before. Whenever possible the singing is led by a cornet. This is a hint to Chapters engaged in similar work in other cities. A cornet leads untrained voices better than anything else, and it also attracts stragglers who are constantly passing to and fro on the docks. It is felt that the nucleus of a mission church has been started, and it is hoped that before long a suitable building may be erected to give the sailors and dockmen the full benefit of the services of the Church."

### BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW CONVENTION.

The ninth annual Convention of the Brotherhood in Canada was held at St. John, N. B. in August 24th to 27. The opening service and "charge" was taken by the Bishop of Fredericton (Rt. Rev. H. Tully Kingdon, D.D.) who delivered a splendid address, taking as his text "Lord what wilt thou have me to do." When we mention the names of such men as the Bishop of Vermont (Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, D.D.) The Bishop of Nova Scotia, (Rt. Rev. F. Courtney, D.D.) John W. Wood, General Secretary of the Brotherhood in the United States, C. Herbert Caste-ton, General Secretary of the Brotherhood in England and many other men prominent in the Priesthood or amongst the laity, it will at once be seen, that this Convention could certainly be second to none that have preceded it. St. Alban's Cathedral Chapter had one of the largest, if not *the* largest representation of any Chapter in the Diocese of Toronto, those who attended being, Rev. A. U. de Pencier (who represented the Cathedral Chapter for the last time) Mr. T. H. Turner and Mr. Chas. Clarke. We hope in our next issue to give a somewhat lengthened report of the proceedings.

### ST. ALBAN'S CRICKETERS IN AUGUST.

The Cricket season is drawing to a close, only some 5 or 6 games remaining to be played, and from the form our players are now in they should win all. Last month 7 games were played, of which 4 were won, 1 last and 2 drawn, making our record so far for the season—13 won, 7 lost and 4 drawn.

Gordon Mackay and Co. played at St. Alban's on Aug 5, the game resulting in a very even draw, G. M. & Co 128, to S. A 120 for 9 wks. August 12 we played at Parkdale and lost, S. A. 39 to Parkdale 68. Aug. 16 we played 2 games against the Woodbine at St. Alban's, winning by 111 to Woodbine 44, and against St. Cyprian's at the Woodbine winning by 77 to St. Cyprian's 57. Aug. 23 we played all day at Rosedale against the Knickerbocker C. C. of New York and won by 125 to 100. Aug. 26, we played two games at Rosedale against Toronto-Rosedale, the game resulting in an even draw, T. R. 146 to S.A. 75 for 3 wks; and at home against the Westmoreland C.C. winning by 158 to Westmoreland 30.

On Aug. 11 we joined forces with Parkdale and played the Belmont C.C. of Philadelphia all day at Rosedale, Belmont was much too strong for the combination and won easily, Belmont 287 to Parkdale-St. Alban's 108.

We regret to note the death at Gravenhurst, on Thursday, the 17th of August, from Consumption, at the age of 27, of Mr. G. E. Johnston, who resided with his mother at 194 Bloor St., west, and was formerly a member of the Cathedral choir.