

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, Men, at 4 p.m.

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

Evensong at half-past 5 in the Chapel *daily*.

The regular Meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is held in the Chapel every ~~Sunday~~ <sup>One</sup> Sunday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock and the Girls' 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 Sundays 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 influences will be the result.

### A RETROSPECT.

Sometimes it is interesting, in connection with our Church work, to take a glance at the past; we often find that by so doing we gather strength for the work that lies before us.

When the foundation stone of St. Alban's Cathedral was laid, I remember seeing one of the members of St. Andrew's Council now located there, march in a Sunday-school procession that crossed the then vacant lots from Bathurst and Bloor Streets to the temporary platform that had been erected for the ceremony; and as this teacher from one of the down-town churches, tramped across the uneven ground, it is not difficult to believe that he thought of this attempt to build a diocesan church centre so far away from a possible congregation an extremely hazardous undertaking. Before, however, another year had passed, a small congregation had begun to worship in the south aisle, and a Sunday-School had been organized; a little later the Crypt was occupied and the congregation gradually increased; several years went by, each one witnessing increased numbers of worshippers and scholars; shortly afterwards St. Cyprian's Church was built, and the rector, with most of its congregation and Sunday-school, were supplied from St. Alban's. Thus depleted and deprived of an esteemed minister, St. Alban's, instead of sitting down in despair appeared to gather strength from misfortune, and set to work with renewed energy to gather an almost new congregation and Sunday-school. In due course the chancel was opened for Divine service, a priest-vicar appointed, and the uphill work of filling the empty seats and vacant classes continued. This was about six years ago, and during those years such effective work has been done that St. Alban's can now show a Sunday-school more flourishing than it ever had, and a congregation that far surpasses anything in its history, both as regards numbers and comparative wealth; and when we add that at the present time this Cathedral-Church maintains as many societies, and engages in as much genuine christian work (in proportion to its numerical strength) as any parish church in this diocese, it will

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be seen that we may well be enthusiastic for St. Alban's, and may thank God and take courage, feeling assured that the untiring perseverance and unflinching courage that has, in the face of great obstacles, accomplished so much, will, under the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father, be also able to attack and eventually overcome the heavy debt that now oppresses us and, will not rest until it is removed; and there is erected and paid for, a noble structure, complete in every detail, consecrated to the service of the Lord of the whole earth, that we may all look upon with affection, and point out to visitors with just pride as St. Alban's Cathedral.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

The month of January was one of more than usual activity to St. Alban's congregation in a social way there being no less than four large gatherings in the Crypt, each of which was highly enjoyed and was successfully carried through. First was the Annual Christmas treats for the Sunday-School. Owing to increasing numbers this festival was held on two days. The Infant Class to the number of ninety, were served to tea at six o'clock on the fourth of January; then followed an hour's play, while the friends and workers were having their turn at the refreshment table; then at half past seven the programme began, and recitations and song and *curtsey* and laughter followed each other in quick succession. Then came the lighting of the Tree, and soon each child was the happy possessor of a beautiful toy and a bag of candy, received from a veritable Santa Claus himself. Before nine o'clock all were safely at home and the Infant School *to a man* voted this the best treat they had ever had at St. Alban's.

The fifth was the date for the Senior School's Entertainment and prize-giving. Tea was served again to about one hundred and twenty-five scholars (and to thirty friends, teachers and workers as well), and at 7:30 the gathering was called to order, and the first number on the programme, which was very much appreciated, a "vocal and instrumental chorus," rendered by eight of the senior girls, was presented.

His Lordship addressed the School congratulating all on the progress being made, and presenting the successful scholars in each class with their prizes. A statement was read showing what had been done with the offerings of the Chancel, which showed the largest items of expenditure to have been sixty dollars paid for ceiling the Crypt, and five dollars for calsoining the walls. During the evening lantern views were shown of various churches and church institutions in connection with the Church's Missionary work in our own country, as well as some Biblical and old world fame. A very large number attended for the latter part of the evening's programme—i. e. after tea, and all, both young and old, seemed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Then on Monday, the 16th, the Crypt was again filled with a large audience, composed mainly of St.

Alban's and St. Cyprian's people to hear and see the Rev. J. G. Waller, who 8 years ago ministered to the then undivided congregation prior to his departure for Japan. The Lord Bishop in a few welcoming words introduced the lecturer; the lights were lowered and the beautiful views of Japanese scenes were thrown on the screen and for two hours the lecturer held the attention of the large audience while he told of his work among that enterprising and progressive people just 15 days journey from Toronto.

A couple of fine views were shown of the new church, at Nagano, in the Province of Shinano, built by Mr. Waller with the money collected by graduates of Trinity College, Toronto, and to which the St. Alban's congregation contributed 75 dollars last year. Many of Mr. Waller's old friends had the pleasure of a handshake and a few minutes conversation after the lecture was over. The sum of \$9.60 was contributed by the audience for the assistance of the work of that Church work under Mr. Waller's charge.

On the evening of the 30th January His Lordship gave his annual treat to the boys of the choir. Both present and ex-choir boys were invited and a large and merry party sat down and enjoyed the coffee and cakes, the Charlotte Russes and ice-cream, as only boys can. Refreshments over, an hour was spent in games and using the gymnastic apparatus, and then the Bishop called the boys to order and introduced to them Prof. Clarke. "Not Dr. Clarke, Professor of Mental Philosophy of Trinity College," said His Lordship, "but this Professor Clarke is Professor of the Art of Entertaining." Then followed a *very* jolly hour; a Fanch and Judy show, and tricks and magic feats, kept the boys on the qui vive all the time, and the heartiness with which the three cheers were given for His Lordship was a true indication of the manner in which the boys had enjoyed his kind treat for them.

In common with the whole community, we mourn the loss which the Church has sustained in the death of His Lordship, Bishop Sullivan. By virtue of his being Rector of St. James, he was therefore Sub-Dean of St. Alban's. We remember 'tis but a few short years ago that he, then being Lord Bishop of Algoma, ordained several candidates to the Priesthood in St. Alban's, at the same time that our own Diocesan held a general ordination. He was then very weak, just having returned from Mentone. No doubt the arduous labors of his large Missionary Diocese and the *worry* of mind occasioned by the circumstances that then existed there, undermined his constitution and sowed the seeds of disease that caused his death.

We are pleased to learn that Canon Macnab, who has been engaged in work in England for the last two years, is shortly to return to Toronto, having been appointed Rector of St. Martin's. The Canon accompanied by Mrs. Macnab is expected to arrive here about the middle of February.

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### SERVICE ACCOUNT.

JANUARY.

#### RECEIPTS.

Offertory: Average, \$34.16 .....	\$ 170 79
Foreign Missions .....	9 00
Organ Fund .....	2 00
Balance 31st January .....	82 81

\$264 60

#### EXPENDITURE.

Balance 31st January .....	\$101 67
Clerical Stipend .....	62 50
Sexton's Salary .....	20 00
Choir .....	6 00
Offertory Envelopes .....	13 25
Fuel .....	20 00
Lighting: Gas .....	18 77
Electric Light .....	5 29
Repairs, etc .....	4 32
Sexton's Sundries .....	3 55
Bank Charges .....	25
Synod for Foreign Missions .....	9 00

\$264 60

### BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Jail Committee of our Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter, gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by two or three young men who have been helping them take part in the services held at that place; though these young men have not yet thought proper to join the Brotherhood, they have given such unmistakable evidence of possessing the true brotherhood spirit, that it is hoped they will before long find their true vocation in its fraternal duties.

The energetic secretary of the Men's Bible Class, Mr. John Codner, would call the attention of members, and of all others who are disposed to join it, to the fact that the class meets every Sunday afternoon, rain or shine, at four o'clock, in the Chapel; and adds that while the temperature may fall far below the freezing point outside, they are always sure of a warm welcome within.

The offertory envelopes have been again distributed to those members of the congregation that have hitherto been subscribers. There are some new families, and some families new to St. Albans, that attend the services in the Cathedral all of whom we would gladly welcome as subscribers. Any person willing to promise *five cents a Sunday* may have the Offertory Calendar and envelopes. We trust some applications will be made for them—either to Mr. Chadwick or to the Vicar.

In the past two weeks the choir has sustained a serious loss from its ranks caused by the voices of four of the oldest and most industrious of the boys changing. This leaves vacancies for some recruits, and we would be glad to have a few boys who would attend the rehearsals and services regularly to complete the establishment.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The scholars and teachers of the Sunday School have much pleasure in expressing their thanks for a very timely present, given them by one of the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This gift consists of a capital map of the Holy Land, well mounted on rollers for use in the school. The Superintendent thinks that it would be a fine thing for all concerned if they could experience a similar pleasure—i. e. the pleasure of expressing their thanks—for several other things that would aid in the work done in the school. Books for the library are *always welcome*.

There was great pleasure given, (and expressed, too, judging by the applause) to all friends of St. Alban's Sunday-school on the evening of the 19th Jan., the date of the annual meeting of the Toronto Church of England Sunday-school Association. The feature of the evening was the announcing of the results of the Inter-Diocesan examination and the prize-giving to the successful candidates. St. Alban's school acquitted itself very creditably. Six candidates tried for examination and *all* passed, and one, Miss Florence Hamilton, captured a prize of seven dollars worth of books. To her and to all the candidates and to their teachers, we tender hearty congratulations. Their names are as follows:

Miss Florence Hamilton,	Miss Katie Holt,
Daisy Johnson,	Lizzie McQuilkin,
Bessie Robinson	Mary Vatcher,

That influential, popular organization, the Women's Auxilliary, recently held their Monthly Board Meeting at St. Alban's, and nearly 200 were entertained at luncheon by our Local Branch; it is not for us to say how the ladies acquitted themselves upon that occasion, we will merely refer to one of the incidents that occurred. A lady visitor said that when starting to attend the meeting, she thought she was going out into the wilderness, but that the courteous manner in which she was treated, and the beautiful way in which she had been served at luncheon with delicious sandwiches, cakes and even whipped cream, had caused her to renounce her former opinion, and to say that the St. Alban's ladies were delightful people to visit, and were adepts in the art of entertaining. When opinions such as these are so generally expressed it is not surprising that our conscientious secretary was able to go home with a radiant countenance, feeling that St. Alban's Branch had nobly done its duty.

The third gathering was on the 12th. Our local Branch of the W. A. invited the Diocesan Board to hold their monthly business meeting at St. Alban's. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. Lunch was served at one o'clock, at which His Lordship honoured the ladies with his presence. After lunch the Bishop welcomed the ladies to St. Alban's, gave them a short practical and helpful address and the business and meeting was finished by three. All agreed that the Crypt was a capital room for such meetings; quiet, light, warm, and the Acoustic properties excellent.

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THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL.

The St. Alban's Cathedral School for Junior Boys, has now twenty-six names on the roll, and next term several new names are to be added. The school itself is its best advertisement.

STANDING OF BOYS IN THE SCHOOL.

FROM THE JANUARY REPORT.

SENIOR THIRD BOOK.

1. Ronald Hilton.
2. Dudley Roden.
3. Aubrey Burrows.
4. Llewellyn Roden.
5. Humphrey Vernon.
6. Murray Sinclair.

JUNIOR THIRD BOOK

1. Gordon Stirling.
2. Owen Evans.
3. D'Arcy Hilton.
4. Ralph Smith.
5. Norton Kirkpatrick.
6. Stephen Henderson.
7. Cortland Mackenzie.
8. Bryan Chadwick.
9. Roy Gzowski.

SECOND BOOK.

1. Fred Macdonald.
2. John Aird.
3. Harry Lefroy.
4. Clifton Horsey.
5. William Ince.
6. Langlois Lefroy.

JUNIOR SECOND.

1. John Macdonald.
2. Arthur Stranger.
3. Keith MacDougall.
4. Charles Greenwood.
5. Arthur Clarke.
6. Hume Blake.

Some of the boys who stand low in their classes have been unavoidably absent, having taken their share of the prevailing epidemics.

The following is the summarized statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the two Sunday-school treats:

RECEIPTS.	
Collected from various ladies' ; total	\$25 90
EXPENDITURES.	
Candies for Senior School	\$3 33
Bread, Butter, Lemons (in excess of what was donated)	57
Milk	1 72
Optical Lantern, Hire	2 00
For Washing Dishes, etc. (two nights)	75
To the Several Teachers to buy prizes	8 04
To Miss Playter for presents for Infant Class Tree	9 28
Total	\$25 90

THE ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, ADVENT 1897 TO ADVENT 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year	\$11 54
" Sunday School Offertory (27 Sundays)	38 08
" Class Subscriptions for Ceilings	39 16
" Assistant and Leaflets for J. T.	60
" Library Catalogues	1 20
" Subscriptions for Christmas Treat	28 36
" Tickets sold for S. S. Picnic	21 22
" Subscriptions for " "	25 55
" Balance	2 21
	\$167 92

EXPENDITURE.

To Rowsell and Hutchison, Catechisms, leaflets, etc.	\$21 52
" Mr. Gander for Plastering Ceiling	60 00
" Expenses for S. S. Examinations,	1 00
" Subscription to S. S. Association	1 25
" Christmas Treat Expenses, 1897	18 84
" Prizes for Scholars, 1897	12 60
Picnic Expenses 1898	49 21
" Printing Catalogues for Library	3 00
	\$167 92

On the third and fourth Sundays in January the Priest-Vicar was absent from his place in the Cathedral, having gone to the country to speak on behalf of the Diocesan Mission Fund. He reports good success each of the congregations addressed contributing a considerable amount more than was apportioned to them by the Mission Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

During Lent the preacher at the Sunday Evening Services will be the Rev. Provost Welsh, the Chancellor of the Cathedral. It is hoped that as many as possible of our Congregation will avail themselves of the opportunity to receive instruction and assistance for their guidance in the Heavenly Way, from one who is so apt to teach. Let every one try to come and expect a blessing; and God will give His blessing.

The "Monthly Notes" has been published heretofore by a down-town firm. This number is printed and published in our own Cathedral Close, by E. Llewellyn, Bathurst St., who has made a very generous offer to publish the years' number in this enlarged edition at a cost to us, of but one dollar in excess of the last year's number. This offer we have accepted, and we hope to publish each month four pages instead of two, as formerly, of matter of interest to all who attend or may attend St. Alban's.

In the next issue there will appear a paper read at one of the meetings of the Cathedral Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, written by one of the members of the Chapter, to which paper we wish to call particular attention, because we think it worthy of more than passing notice.