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St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.

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SERVICE ACCOUNT.

FEBRUARY.

RECEIPTS.

Offertory (average, \$41.07)	164 29
Special subscription	31 75
Balance	15 97
	\$212 01

EXPENDITURE.

Balance 1st March	\$ 13 86
Clerical Stipend	62 50
Sexton's Salary	20 00
" Expenses	2 25
Easter decorations	7 20
Choir	4 75
Fuel	40 50
On account debt	10 00
Dominion Bank (account floating debt)	31 75
Interest	19 20
	\$212 01

It may be well to remind the congregation that in order to enable obligations to be met, we are dependent upon the large offertories which may reasonably be expected on the two festivals of Christmas and Easter, but especially the latter. We should have \$150 on Easter Day of this year, in order to make the payments which ought to be made, namely, sundry accounts \$60, and \$100 towards interest; this last, over and above receipts through envelope contributions, being less than the Bishop has been expecting the congregation to contribute.

The Sunday School has received an acceptable gift of five dozen Bibles from the S.P.C.K., sent out at the instance of the Rev. J. McArthur, a

member of the Executive of that society, who visited and preached in St. Alban's when passing through Toronto last summer, and was much interested in our work and undertaking.

Mr. Longley Taylor's Lecture on Britain's Empire in the East, on 15th ult., was well attended, and was extremely interesting. We are not informed as to the financial result, but do not doubt that it was satisfactory.

A pleasant incident was the recent visit of Bishop Awdrey, of Osaka, Japan, who, accompanied by Mrs. Awdrey, passed through Toronto en route for England, recently, and rested awhile at the See House, being present and preaching at the morning service in St. Alban's on Sunday, 21st ult. Immediately after the service he had to resume his journey in order to catch the steamer by which he was to cross the Atlantic. Although we do not usually consider it our part to say much of distinguished visitors, we cannot let the present occasion pass without noting how greatly those who were so fortunate as to meet Bishop Awdrey personally were captivated by his dignified presence and courteous manner, in which he is well supported by Mrs. Awdrey. These minor, though important, items, added to his manifest ability, and the circumstance of his being the only Bishop who has left an English See to take up work in a foreign land, make him an ideal missionary Bishop.

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MONTHLY NOTES.

A meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Athletic Club was held on Thursday evening, March 25th, a very fair number of the members being present. Reports of the various committees were presented and adopted, also the revised by-laws and regulations, which the Secretary was instructed to have printed. A resolution of sympathy to be tendered Mr. Haines on account of his late misfortune, was passed, and the hope expressed that he would soon be with us again. A committee composed of the following members was appointed to arrange affairs for the coming cricket season:—Mr. A. G. Sweatman, Dr. Harrington, Messrs. M. E. Matthews, H. Palmer, H. Hancock, jr., and R. E. Pack.

After the President remarking that he hoped the coming season would see a large addition of members to the Club, the meeting was adjourned until June 17th, when the annual meeting will be held.

The Chapel is fast progressing towards completion. The outside is nearly finished. The interior work is not extensive, and it may therefore be expected that our next issue will be able to announce the building fully completed and in use.

A party of laymen, not connected with the Cathedral in any official capacity, of which Mr. Henry T. Wickham is the chief mover, have voluntarily undertaken to assist the carrying on of the Bishop's envelope scheme. This scheme seems to be very popular among the laymen of the city, and we believe also of the Diocese at large so far as the people's knowledge of the Cathedral extends.

While we regret the loss which the Church sustains by the Rev. J. C. Roper's departure to a new field, we are pleased to be able to extend our congratulations to our former Priest-Vicar, Rev. Charles H. Shortt, upon his promotion to a larger sphere of work. His success on our west side augurs well for his future career in the parish which adjoins us upon the east.

The sexton has a lady's seal muff in his possession which he is ready to hand to any lady who can satisfy him of her right to have it.