

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.

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RESIDENT CLERGY.

THE DEAN.—THE RIGHT REVEREND, THE LORD
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, SEC 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 Girl's Auxiliary have this month packed and forwarded a bale of clothing to one of the North West Indian Homes.

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

JULY

RECEIPTS

Offertory: average \$19.87.....	\$ 99 35
Organ Fund.....	5 00
Chancel Guild.....	4 00
Balance 31st July.....	108 96
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	\$217 31

EXPENDITURE

Balance 30th June.....	\$102 16
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Wine.....	4 50
Jay, account for flowers.....	8 00
Printing.....	1 40
Lighting.....	14 18
Water rates.....	1 77
Insurance (Library).....	2 80
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A gift of 150 books of Common Prayer bound together with Hymns ancient and modern, has been made to the Cathedral, to replace the Hymn books previously in use which have become so much worn that many of them were quite unserviceable.

In making this change a number of prayer books—all more or less in bad repair—have been gathered together which are evidently private property, but the owners' names have disappeared. These will be kept for a reasonable time, and then such as are not claimed will be given away to poor missions.

MONTHLY NOTES

HOSPITAL WORK BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREWS

The ultimate object of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews is the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men. This has naturally led to various ways and means of reaching them, and one of the most important is the Hospital. In no place is there a larger field for work nor one that is more accessible for reaching your man; because in the general visiting done by Brotherhood men there is always the chance of finding no one at home or if at home, perhaps it is inconvenient to see them, whereas, at the Hospital, they are sure to be at home and what is more cannot get out of an interview (except by feigning sleep) no matter how much they wish it. But as a general rule this sort of a wish is not met with for patients are only too glad to have some one to talk to them, even if it is only to vary the monotony and while talk of a general character is indulged in at first, by degrees it is worked around to a more solid basis and effort is made to get to really know the man.

The Hospitals in Toronto are very well looked after, representatives from the different Chapters visiting the General, Western, Grace, St. Michael's and the Convalescent Home, the first and last being the ones that men from St. Alban's Chapter more particularly visit.

At the General Hospital the visiting is done on Sunday mornings. Soon after 9.30 the Brotherhood men put in an appearance and see that everything in the way of hymn books, psalm books, leaflets and organ are in place and at 9.45 the chaplain commences a shortened form of morning service which is heartily joined in by all present. Especially do the patients enjoy the singing of the hymns and it would do the heart of any church member good to hear some of those cracked voices raised in the glorifying and praising of God and finding the notes too high suddenly quaver and stop but still keep the lips moving and frame the words until the end of the verse.

A short sermon, followed by another hymn and prayer bring the service to a close which lasts altogether from three quarters of an hour to an hour after which the Chaplain gives out the lists of Church members to be called upon.

All sorts and conditions are met with, the man who is glad to see you, and the one who would rather be left alone, the one who is talkative and the one whom it is hard to get even yes or no from, at the same time it is usually the most difficult ones at first that turn out the best in the end.

It is very hard indeed to know whether good results always follow, in fact all that Brotherhood men can do in all their work is to persevere and leave the results to a Higher Power.

One very important part of the work in the Hospital which is eagerly looked forward to by the patients is the distribution of books from Sunday to Sunday. Thanks to the generosity of the Church people and members of the Brotherhood, the St. Andrews library

is a very creditable one, the bound books comprise works by such authors as Sir Walter Scott (of which there is a complete set) Rudyard Kipling, Conan Doyle, J. M. Barrie, Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Kingsley and Bishops Hall and Brooks, from which half a dozen to sixteen are given out each Sunday. For those who cannot settle their minds to any lengthy reading, there is always an assortment of magazines on hand, those which are well illustrated such as the Strand and Munseys being the favorites. Some people seem to think that church papers, tracts and the like are the only suitable literature for the hospital, no such idea could be more erroneous as the pile in our cupboard could easily testify. Patients need something bright and entertaining to make them forget for a time if they can the sorrows and misery among them.

Such is the work carried on by the band of young men who go Sunday after Sunday trying to bring comfort and solace to those who are sick, trying at a time when the man is most susceptible to bring his thoughts nearer to God and Jesus Christ.

CHAS. H. CLARK

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Our young folks of all sizes, who are to be the churchmen and churchwomen of the future, had their annual excursion last month, and spent a very enjoyable day at Victoria and Munro Parks. The early morning was showery and it almost seemed as if there would be no picnic, but before ten o'clock the sun showed its smiling face and effectually dispelled all fears as to wet weather; so that by half past ten, (the time of starting) everything looked bright and promising. In due time they arrived at Victoria Park, a happy expectant crowd ready to make the most of their opportunities for pleasure and recreation. The children now dispersed themselves over the grounds in search of novelties and amusements, while the teachers and some others busied themselves in preparing for the onslaught that they knew would shortly be made upon the eatables, etc. regarded as so essential a feature in affairs of this kind.

After the good things had been effectually disposed of, everybody devoted themselves to the merry-go-rounds, swings, donkeys and other such *intellectual* delights and then adjourned to Munro Park to feast their eyes with the sleight of hand tricks and juggling performances there exposed to view. When we add to this short recital of the day's doings that a number of games were arranged for the benefit of the scholars and prizes given for the leaders in each event, it will be well understood that this picnic will be regarded as a red-letter day by the children great and small of St. Albans. We cannot close without referring to the pleasure with which both teachers and scholars regarded the presence of their esteemed Bishop, who on the eve of his departure for England, spent some of his limited time in demonstrating his affectionate solicitude for their welfare and enjoyment.

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Nor can we omit echoing the note of sadness, among the older people as they reflected that this was (in all human probability) the last picnic to be held under the direction of our Priest-Vicar, who has resigned his present charge to take up work in a field that urgently requires vigorous work and discreet judgement to convert it into a fruitful vineyard of our Lord.

Thus the short hours of this day sped on all too quickly for most of the young people, until the unwelcome news was spread abroad that they must all prepare to return home as the cars were ready for them, and then the day dream of youthful pleasure gave way to a sense of stern duty, and all came back safely to the parental roof; and many doubtless held during the night an adjourned picnic, at which perhaps two hideous looking men, catching a countless number of balls in all kinds of ways were jumbled up with a scene in which a lot of knives were pitching a couple of men about while setting fire to their boots, and with a picture St. Alban's Cathedral as a great building all completed, and other extraordinary things that only the childish fancy, during the blissful hours of sleep, could conjure up.

LOOKING BACKWARD

In the midst of our sadness at losing the services of our esteemed Priest-vicar it would perhaps be well to glance over the six or seven years that have elapsed since he was placed in charge of St. Alban's congregation, to see what progress has been made during that period.

Most of us remember the time when the Rev. Mr. Lutz directed our affairs—a time of anxiety on the part of those who had the interests of St. Alban's at heart—a time when most of the active members of the congregation and the Sunday School had been drawn away to the new parish church of St. Cyprian's and it appeared doubtful to many whether another congregation could be brought together that would be capable of sustaining the services of such a church as St. Alban's cathedral was intended to be.

The trend of affairs while the Rev. Mr. Lutz was with us did not present a prospect of ultimate success and it was a great relief to the anxieties of those who still clung to St. Alban's that after a brief period the Rev. A. U. de Pencier was appointed Priest-vicar.

The condition of affairs at this time would have almost appalled any ordinary clergyman, as the following figures will show.

For the two months of March and April, 1893, the two months previous to Mr. de Pencier's arrival the average attendance (including the choir) at morning service was 110, at evening service 80.

The average collection at each \$16.34 (about half the needed sum)

Easter attendance in the morning 175
" " " evening 120
Collection \$66.00

The celebration of the Holy Communion held but once a month; No cohesion among the members of the congregation; Supporters of St. Alban's crippled by the depression in real estate; and no immediate prospect of new houses being built in the neighborhood to bring other Church of England families to the vicinity; all these discouraging facts would be enough to make the bravest man hesitate to assume such a responsibility as that of trying to build up a congregation that would afford a hope of the ultimate success of St. Alban's Cathedral.

Over six years have now passed and this is a brief outline of our present position;

1899

Average attendance for March and April.
Morning 211—Evening 185
Average collection \$32.70
Easter morning 315—Evening 220
Collection \$127.74

Showing that the average morning congregation has almost doubled, the evening attendance more than doubled, and the collections are over twice the amount compared with 1893.

To these we add, that, instead of Holy Communion being held once a month, it is now administered every week either at eight o'clock or at eleven with a greatly increased number of communicants; that, whereas in 1893 hardly any one took much interest in church matters, there is now one of the largest and most flourishing chapters of St. Andrews Brotherhood to be found in Canada, whose members strengthen the hands of their priest-vicar both in local church matters and in general church work outside of our cathedral limits; that there has been for some years a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary doing effective work and making its influence felt among us; that our Sunday School attendance has grown in the same proportion as the adult; that we have now a flourishing day school for boys well conducted and advancing rapidly in public favor; and, finally, that we have, through the generosity of our priest-vicar, become possessors of a chapel that has made the boys' school possible and while admirably serving its main purpose is of the greatest use to us in many other ways.

So that from this brief summary of conditions at St. Alban's in 1893 before the Rev. A. U. de Pencier took charge placed in contrast with those of 1899 we feel quite justified in asserting that the years he has spent amongst us have, in the face of the general business depression and of the fact that the congregation who sustained the services have almost no voice in its affairs, been years of undoubted and solid progress and that he is justly entitled to a large share of the credit for such progress. It is therefore with the most sincere regret that we speak of his departure and assure him of the good wishes of those who have been privileged to be under his charge.

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Having accomplished so much at St. Alban's we may reasonably hope that in the new field of labor he has chosen, the same success will attend his efforts; with the result that Uxbridge will again possess a flourishing and united church abounding in good works and adding new strength to our beloved Church of England.

That such will be the case, and that health and prosperity will accompany our late priest-vicar and his family in their new home, is the sincere desire of the congregation of St. Albans.

ST. ALBAN'S CRICKET CLUB

The season has been one of progress to Cricket. Many matches, some with the best players, and great enthusiasm have enhanced the reputation and popularity of the Club. The Club has won and lost but withal made good play. Last Saturday Rosedale was defeated but only by one run when time called.

The Club is advancing not only in good play but in stimulating the manliness of this great English game in our midst and indirectly making pure athletics helpful to the work of the Church among young men.

Mr. de Pencier before the removal of his family to Uxbridge will endeavor to call on the members of the congregation during the month of September to wish them a pastoral farewell. He will have the comforting assurance of deep regret in his departure with the earnest prayers and best wishes of a united people for an abundant blessing upon himself and Mrs. de Pencier in their new field of labor.

The removal of our priest-vicar from Toronto will cause us also to lose the bright presence and untiring activity of his esteemed wife from our church life. Being the vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary, her loss will be keenly felt by that body of loyal church workers; and as the head and front of several junior societies, which owe their existence to her indefatigable exertions, her place will be very difficult to fill; and the prominent part she has taken in Sunday School affairs will leave a gap in the ranks of too few faithful teachers.

On these as well as on personal grounds we deeply regret the necessity that seems to have arisen, for severing the ties that have for so long bound together Mrs. de Pencier and the congregation of St. Albans.

THE CHOIR BOY'S CAMP

The seventh annual summer camp of the choir of St. Alban's Cathedral took place this year at beautiful Niagara on the Lake. The fine farm home of Mr. Bernard, three miles up the shore of the Lake was generously placed at their disposal and otherwise the good host showed the Camp much kindness in his efforts for their comfort and enjoyment. This was the first water trip and was arranged by Mr. Mathews but for whom this and many pleasures of the boys would be left out of their choir history. The twenty-four were a credit to the Church in their conduct and discipline and left a good impression by their visit. The old historical Church of St. Marks was attended and the melody of Psalm and Hymn by the addition of the choir was greatly appreciated. The Vicar, Mr. de Pencier spent Monday, (his last official day of the Cathedral) with the camp and it was evident how much he was beloved by the young of the Church. Amid the joy of the day the boys regret at the separation was feelingly manifest. By the care of a good Providence there was no mishap to mar the occasion and so passes on record some of the brightest days of St. Albans Choir.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

In order to remove any misunderstanding as to the scope of a communication in the last issue of "Monthly Notes" entitled "Lay Representatives," I may say that it was intended to embrace free-churches only, and contained simply a passing reference to the churches that still cling to the pew-renting system.

I may also say that the term Vestry was used in its broad modern sense (the meaning it bears to most churchmen) as applying to the body of men who annually meet together to discuss and to some extent direct their parish affairs, and not in the old contracted meaning that the same word bore previous to the era of free churches, as designating the organised body of pew-holders in each parish.

I trust that these explanations will satisfy those estimable churchmen who are so wedded to the necessary distinctions made in our Canons between the vestry in pew renting churches, who have no power to elect Lay Representatives, and the congregational body in the same churches having that power that they are not willing to admit the use of the term vestry in free churches, though the body of men composing it, exercise all the powers that are according to canon law, conferred upon the vestry and congregation together, in pew-renting churches, and therefore should as a matter of ordinary justice be entitled to bear the name Vestry.

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