

This paper is issued at the beginning of each 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

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RESIDENT CLERGY.

THE DEAN.—THE RIGHT REVEREND, THE LORD
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, See House.

THE PRIEST VICAR—

THE REV. B. C. H. ANDREWS
157 Madison Avenue

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.

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

The Woman's Auxiliary meets every Wednesday afternoon at half past two o'clock, in the Chapel.

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 first and third 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 influence will be the result.

SERVICE ACCOUNT

JANUARY

RECEIPTS

Offeritory : average \$29.24.....	\$116 95
" for Foreign Missions.....	16 25
" Diocesan Missions.....	2 00
Organ Fund.....	8 00
Rev. B. C. H. Andrews (proceeds of lecture).....	20 00
Balance	7 30
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	\$170 70

EXPENDITURE

Balance 31st December.....	\$ 4 63
Clerical Stipend.....	62 50
Sexton's Salary.....	20 00
Wine.....	4 50
Duty, etc. on Offeritory Calendars.....	2 85
Gas Account.....	26 24
Water Rates.....	2 30
Sexton's expenses.....	50
Vestry Wardrobe.....	30 93
Synod for Foreign Missions.....	16 25
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	\$170 70

The above amount received for the organ fund very nearly makes up the small balance of that account which may therefore be regarded as closed.

For the special repairs the expenditure has been \$407.30, besides a small account not yet presented. The amount of contributions paid in is \$337.00 and there are subscription not yet paid amounting to \$47.00 leaving now not much more than \$40.00 required to be further subscribed to pay for the work actually done. But this does not provide for other items of repairs which the Committee considered very desirable, and perhaps necessary in which from \$50.00 to \$100.00 more could be usefully employed.

We cannot let this subject pass without remarking that the members of the congregation have met this

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demand upon them in a manner which we claim to be very creditable to so small a body. When the unavoidable necessity of executing these repairs appeared, it was felt that a demand for \$400.00 to be immediately forthcoming rather a formidable call upon a congregation which has found it difficult hitherto to reduce its debt by even \$100.00.

We believe it is not desired by the subscribers especially those who have made generous gifts, of whom there are several, that the subscription list of names and amounts would be published, but we hope when the list is complete to at least announce the names.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREWS

Mr. Loosemore, of St. Thomas' Chapter, is with the second Canadian contingent going to South Africa, and we understand the Brotherhood is represented by men from other parts of the Dominion.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

One of the most notable events that has occurred in its history, took place at St. James Cathedral, on Thursday, January 11th; the occasion being a special celebration of the Holy Communion, and the presentation of the Nineteenth Century Fund at the offertory preceding it.

Men of business know how difficult it is to bring together two or three hundred of their number, for any such purpose, during business hours; and if we mistake not the yearly celebration in the same church, for the members of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, does not bring together enough men to reach the latter figure.

On this occasion however, the Church of England ladies who have identified themselves with the "Woman's Auxiliary" came forward in such numbers, as to put the best efforts of the "Brotherhood" in the shade; and almost proved, that in matters of religion, women are often more earnest and conscientious than men.

To an onlooker it was an inspiring scene, to witness six hundred women, drawn together by a common impulse, offering before God that which they had freely given for His service, and immediately afterwards re-dedicating themselves, soul and body, to Him, in that most sacred rite that their own beloved Lord had instituted, just before His death.

The offertory, amounting to about fourteen hundred dollars, made up of twenty five cent contributions, by members of the Auxiliary and their friends, was an evidence of the sincerity of their efforts, and a gratifying indication of what can be done in small contributions, by united effort; and we have no doubt that the money will be judiciously applied.

Turning now to the affairs of our own Branch, we may state that a cordial letter of thanks has been received from Rev. Mr. Lord, of Apsley, for the barrel of useful articles sent to his mission last December.

It is understood that the preparation of another bale is now under way by these indefatigable ladies; and that when completed, (perhaps in April) it will be forwarded to one of the outlying missions in our great North-west; where it will doubtless awaken feelings of gratitude in some breasts, that may develop into life-long devotion to the cause of our adorable Redeemer.

It must be very gratifying to the officers, that the attendance of ladies at these weekly meetings, has been almost uniformly good; giving undeniable evidence of the loyal good wishes of all the ladies, in the affairs of St. Alban's Cathedral.

WHY WE SHOULD MAKE REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

1. Because St. Paul enjoins us to lay up on the first day of the week (Sunday) as God has prospered us for the work of God. 1 Cor. 16, 2.

2. Because a week is the natural division of time for arranging our current income and expenditure; and the demands of religion should, of right, hold a prominent place in such arrangements.

3. Because with many of us, our weekly income is a fixed sum; and such being the case, we cannot leave the amount of our offering to our Great Benefactor, to be decided by the whim of the moment, or the chance possession of a small silver coin, without injury to our own spiritual growth, and slighting our Great Father in heaven.

4. Because the regular and systematic apportioning of our income to such purposes, and in such amounts as our enlightened judgement commends, goes a long way towards attaining one of the greatest victories that can be achieved by mortal man; the mastery over ourselves.

5. Because such a system has been practised, as far as religion is concerned, by many of the most exalted characters of ancient and modern times.

6. Because through this means, those in control of church affairs, can so regulate their expenditure so as to keep within their income.

7. Because Almsgiving is an act of worship.

From these considerations it would appear that the weekly offering of a regular amount, through the envelope system as provided in our church, is by far the most satisfactory way of doing our share, in maintaining the services of St. Alban's.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

The following are among other reasons for contributing on this system—

1. Because it is my duty, as a member of this Congregation, to give as God hath prospered me, towards the maintenance of His worship in this Cathedral Church.

2. Because I want to give systematically.

3. Because I am unwilling, by neglecting my duty

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in this respect, to cast upon others the burthen of providing me with the ministrations of religion, when God has enabled me to assist in providing them for myself, and possibly for others who are not as well off as I am.

4. Because I know, that whether I am present or absent from Church the expenses of carrying on the services are the same; and if I do not contribute on the Envelope System, I might forget to make up for those occasions when I have given nothing, or less than I ought, or omitted to send my offering.

5. Because I want to give more, rather than less, than the sum which—being my own judge—I think I ought to give.

The accounts, being kept by means of numbers on the Envelopes, the amount of each person's contribution is known only to himself and the Treasurer.

The following letter from The Queen to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be forwarded by them to every Diocesan Bishop in their Province, will be read with deep interest by all loyal Church people.

VICTORIA R.

Most Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Councillor We greet you well!

Whereas a large portion of our Forces is presently engaged in operations of War in South Africa by reason of which many men must We grieve to think lose their lives and even a greater number be wounded:

And whereas it has been represented unto Us

That many of those so engaged have left at home wives and families dependent upon them:

That large sums of money are needed in order not only that special care may be given to the sick and wounded on the field of battle, but also that assistance may be rendered to those who are disabled in after-life, and succour offered to the women and children who may either be separated for a time from their husbands and fathers, or have to endure the great loss which makes them widows and orphans:

That Funds for the purposes aforesaid have been set on foot to which contributions of no small amount have been made by all classes of Our people: and

That if We were pleased to issue Our Royal Letters authorizing a general Collection throughout the Churches of England and Wales the Funds aforesaid would be greatly increased as is most desirable:

We taking the same into Our Royal Consideration and being always ready to give the best encouragement and countenance to any movement which may tend to show the approval and high regard felt by Ourselves and by Our whole Empire for loyalty and devotion to duty such as is now being manifested in South Africa, are graciously pleased to condescend to the prayer which has been addressed to Us on behalf of the Church of England, and do hereby direct you that these Our Letters be communicated to the several Suffragan Bishops within your Province, expressly re-

quiring them to take care that publication be made thereof in such manner within their respective Diocese as the said Bishop shall direct; and that upon this occasion the Minister in each Parish do effectually excite his Parishioners to a liberal contribution which shall be collected in the Church on Sunday, the Seventh day of January next ensuing, or if that day be inconvenient on any other Sunday which the said Bishops shall appoint; and that the said Ministers do cause the sums so collected to be paid immediately to Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved the Lord Mayor of Our City of London to be accounted for by him, and to be bestowed amongst the Funds aforesaid in such manner as you and Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Councillor the Lord Archbishop of York shall in your joint discretion appoint for the furtherance of the above mentioned good designs.

And so We bid you heartily Farewell.

His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan, has been pleased to appoint Sunday, February 11th, Septuagesima Sunday, as the day upon which all our people of this Ecclesiastical Province shall be called upon to meet in solemn service, with the especial object of a united acknowledgement of the power and wisdom of Almighty God, and of seeking that He in His mercy and goodness, will bring the present unhappy war to a right and lasting peace, and over-rule all things in this world of sin and sorrow to the enlargement of His blessed kingdom."

In accordance with the above direction our Bishop has authorized special Psalms, Lessons and Prayers to be used throughout the Diocese on that day, and in his words we "Trust that you will make use of this opportunity" for "confession and humiliation, and in earnest supplication for God's blessing on our soldiers and sailors, His consolation to the wounded and the bereaved and His support and assistance to those who minister to them, whether doctors, chaplains or nurses."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The Annual Sunday School Entertainment, and distribution of prizes, was held in the Crypt on Wednesday 17th January. After tea, to which ample justice was done, several recitations were given, followed by capital exhibition of musical drill under the guiding hand of Mrs. and Miss Turner; the Bishop then distributed the prizes and congratulated the School on its good standing. Then followed the feature of the evening, namely, the Punch and Judy show, which had the effect of amusing young and old for over an hour. This brought a most successful and thoroughly enjoyable children's entertainment to a close, and we feel sure that every child present went away with the regret that twelve long months must pass before next years festivities.

The Chapter gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$2.00 from M. P. towards the debt fund of St. Alban's Cathedral.

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THE SEASON OF LENT

Before the next issue of our Paper, the season of Lent will be upon us, and for whatever purpose the Church first instituted such a time of fasting and self denial, it is not hard to find the absolute necessity for such a season now.

In this age of almost ceaseless energy, when the life of men is so often given up entirely to the pursuit of wealth and pleasure, it is well indeed that, once a year, the Church calls us in solemn tones to stop and consider what will be the end of it all, this life here is so short, so fleeting; how are we prepared for the life eternal?

"Be still and know that I am God"—here is our first Lenten thought. "Be still"—after the stress and strain of business troubles and worries, after a season of gaiety and pleasure, "Be still," just be quiet and restful, throw off all that is disturbing, and then "Know that I am God"—what a revulsion of feelings will be ours, we have thought so much of ourselves, our own interests, our own pleasures, and now that we have put these on one side, we look to God, and we realise how small, petty and insignificant we are, and how great and holy God is, and all our thoughts and aspirations are towards Him, then He speaks "Come let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." Here we have the promise of forgiveness of our sins, and all this Lent teaches us, but that is not enough, we have stopped short in our mad career, we have been still, we have realised that God is above us all, that God is all in all, we have been promised the forgiveness of our sins, and now our energy must once more be brought into play, we had been energetic and active enough in our own interests, now we must be as energetic and as active for God, as St. Paul saith "Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer, distributing to the necessity of saints, given to Hospitality, Bless them which persecute you, bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. And finally, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

That should be our programme for Lent, and when the Glorious Festival of Easter, once more brings us rejoicing, we should find that we have been benefited and helped, and we should realise more and more that our life here is but a preparation for the life which is to come.

THE SCHOOL

Desiring to meet the expressed wishes of some parents who would like to send their sons to the school, but for the distance between it and their homes, Mr. Matthews has arranged to accommodate a limited number of boarders at his home in Wychwood Park, a spot which offers many advantages, from its beautiful and healthful situation on the Hill front, its nearness to the school, and the increased supervision he will there be able to exercise over such of his pupils as may be thus entrusted to his care. He will be glad to furnish all desired particulars if addressed personally or by letter at the school, or at Wychwood Park, Bracondale, Ontario.

The head boys of each class for February stand as follows—

4TH FORM

R. Hilton
1st. L. Dixon
2nd. A. Dixon

3RD FORM

1st. E. Ewing
2nd. F. Macdonald

2ND FORM

1st. G. Maclean
2nd. Wm. Ince

1ST FORM

1st. Wm. Tyrrell
2nd. A. Clarke

THE CHOIR

It has always been a most noticeable fact to those who are in a position to know, that our choir has not been recruited from the congregation as much as it should be, and but for a very large proportion of its members, who live at long distances from the Cathedral, the ranks would present a very slim appearance. Why this should be is a question often asked by the choirmaster, who himself belongs to another congregation far from the neighborhood of St. Alban's. There are a great number of difficulties always presenting themselves to those who have the responsibility of training, and maintaining a volunteer choir such as ours, the chief one at the present time being the loss of some good boys, on account of the changing of their voices, whose places have not been filled for want of suitable recruits.

How this could be easily rectified if a few parents in the congregation would bring their boys forward to help in this most important work, in the services of the church, and it is quite a reasonable requirement as a very decided addition is thus usually made to the education of a boy.

Through a printers error in the article on "St. Alban's Debt," appearing in our last issue, the number of people who could be seated in the proposed addition to building was made to read 100; the correct number is 200.