

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

ON the 20th of October, the day appointed by Government for Thanksgiving for the Harvest, there was morning prayer in the Church, followed by Holy Communion, and in the evening a Choral Service, the Church being decorated with grain, fruit, and autumn leaves. The attendance was not so large at either service as was expected, which may to some extent, be attributed to the weather, the day being dull and cold.

The decorations were retained for service on the following Sunday, after which the grapes were sent to the Sick Children's Hospital and the other fruits, &c., to the Orphans' Home.

On Sunday, the 30th, the day appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, the evening service was a repetition of that held on the evening of the 20th.

One of the city papers on the morning following Thanksgiving Day, (20th) gave a circumstantial account of a "concert of sacred music" given by the choir under the direction of, &c., in St. George's on the previous evening. It is perhaps needless to notice such a report, but in order to prevent any possible misapprehension which may exist in the mind of people who were not present at the evening service on the 20th, and it may be also to guard against error on the part of future enquiries into Parochial history and customs, we think it worth while to refer to it for the purpose of stating that nothing of the kind took place.

On Sunday morning, the 23rd, the decorations comprised more than the fair decorators had ever thought of—a living bird, which fluttered about and pecked at the grain during the whole morning service. There can be no doubt that the little bird felt quite as much thankfulness, (or quite as little, dear reader, if you like) for God's gifts as some of the worshippers, and enjoyed its visit to the church as much as they, and was equally glad to get out of it when the time came.

DIED.

Suddenly, on Sunday afternoon, 23rd of Oct., MATILDA ANNE RIDOUT, widow of the late Thomas Gibbs Ridout, aged 69 years.