

delegate to the Synod for some years past. Mr. Hutton did much during his term of office towards repairing and improving the church. At a meeting of the Vestry, subsequent to his death, Mr. John Bishop, the registrar of the diocese, and an old-time officer of the church, was elected to fill the vacancy.

THE Venerable Archdeacon Lauder has removed to his former residence, 401 Albert street, and the Rectory is being prepared as a residence for the Bishop. Extensive improvements are now being carried on in and outside the house. The Bishop is expected in Ottawa for a few days soon on his way to the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, which is to meet in Winnipeg early in September under the direction of His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, Primate of all Canada.

THE "quiet day" for women, which for the last five years has been held each October in Christ Church, will this year be postponed till November. It is expected that by then arrangements will have been made with an experienced conductor of "quiet days," to hold one such day for the clergy and another for women, while the greater part of a Sunday will be given up to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

THE choir of St. Alban's, under the management of Mr. Clement Welch, has been showing marked improvement during the past few weeks. Still further improvement may be looked for when the choir boys return from their holidays. There is still room for boys in the choir, who will not only have the advantage of a good musical training, but the use of a first-class library, stored with such books as boys delight in. In the Harvest Festival this year there will probably be a new departure, the service being largely composed of beautiful harvest carols.

THE work on the grounds and streets near the Cathedral has at length been completed, and the general effect is very good. The massive stone wall built by the city along the edge of the cliff on Sparks street, is much more presentable than the rickety rail fence which disfigured the street for many years. Granolithic pavements and fresh sod on the various lawns have vastly improved this part of the city. Church people and visitors will find Christ Church open every day and all day, so that those who choose may enter, rest, and pray.

Why is it that in so few Church families one finds the daily practice of family prayer? This is something which should never be neglected when practicable. If not possible in the morning, it should be a matter of duty to gather all in the family and household in the

evening to worship God and hear His Word. There are many excellent books of family prayer, amongst which may be mentioned that by the Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev. W. Boyd Carpenter. This and others are always in stock at our city booksellers', and should be procured and used at once by Churchmen.

THE churchwardens of St. Alban's are spending very judiciously a considerable amount of money in improving the appearance of the schoolroom. Owing to the dampness of the walls the sleepers of the floor had in places decayed, and the plaster on the south side had become very shaky. The former have been raised to their proper position and the latter has been replaced with pine sheeting, and, together with the other parts of the woodwork, painted white, thereby giving the room a much brighter and more attractive appearance. They have also taken steps to protect the exterior of the basement walls by removing a portion of the earth on the south side, replacing it with puddled blue clay, covered with loam and grass. What a pity we have not more flowers about our churches? St. John's has made a small beginning. Who will follow?

Those who remember the Mission of 1886, and Father Osborne's share in it, will be interested to hear that a letter has been received from him, dated from Capetown, on the 20th June. In it he says: "I do not write many letters except necessary ones, but I often have my American friends in remembrance, and recall places and missions and familiar faces. I have been glad from time to time to hear of Christ Church and the steady continuance of the work of God there. I know of no place where a mission has had a more abiding result. But I felt at the time that it would be so, because of the earnestness and devotion with which the members of the parish threw themselves into it. I am glad you have seen Father Page. He was greatly pleased with all he saw in Canada, and wrote me long letters about it. He is coming out here, all being well, in October of this year, and then going on to India. You say you see the Cowley Evangelist, so you know something of our work here. There is great variety in it and much to be thankful for, but the disappointments of native work are woeful. Yet in the end God will triumph, and we wait and work for that. Your intercessory association must be a great strength to you all. It is wonderful how it has kept up. Remember us in your prayers. We hope to have, early in October, a communicants' mission, or parochial retreat, that is, a sort of mission to our communicants, to strengthen those who stand and lift up those who are fallen. I hope for great help from this. Remember me to any who have not forgotten me. May God keep you all in His peace."