

It has not yet been decided at which church the services will be held.

During the vacancy in the incumbency of St. Matthias', Hintonburgh, caused by the departure of the Rev. Mr. Norrie for Quebec, the services in that church are being taken by lay readers from Christ Church chapter of the Brotherhood.

A writer in the *Vegetarian* has discovered a new reason for sleepiness in church. He says that the phenomenon has nothing to do with the length of the sermon, or the dulness of the preacher. It has really an interesting scientific explanation, and a worshipper ought no more to be blamed for his somnolence than a person under the influence of chloroform for "going off" after a few sniffs. The fact is that people in church are hypnotized. The process takes place through their ears. Their attention is concentrated on a single figure, and on what that figure is saying, and the silence elsewhere combined with the subdued light, helps to create just the same sort of conditions as are observable at spiritualistic séances.

It is estimated that about 250,000 canary birds are raised every year in Germany. The most important market is the United States, which imports about 100,000 birds per annum.

The *London Daily Chronicle* publishes a pathetic letter from the father of a lad who is possibly the last lineal descendant of the bearer of one of the great names in English literature. The lad himself is an apprentice at sea, and his father, paralysed, is an outdoor pauper. Yet, subject to some confirmation, this pauper is the great-great-grandson of the author of "Robinson Crusoe."

The Rev. Walter Loucks, Curate of St. John's, Peterborough, for the last two years, has been appointed by the Archdeacon of Ottawa, Curate of Christ Church. Mr. Loucks is the son of the Rector of Picton, who many years ago was himself Curate of Christ Church.

Rev. F. R. Smith, Rector of St. James, Church Hull, will have returned before this magazine is in the hands of readers. His very many friends on both sides of the river will gladly welcome him home again.

For the Rev. T. Bailey, who is a fellow passenger with Mr. Smith on the Vancouver, the parishioners of St. Barnabas are preparing a "welcome" reception at the residence of that active church worker, Mr. G. E. Perley, O'Connor Street.

Harvest Festivals have been held at Christ Church, and St. Bartholomews, New Edinburgh. The preacher at Christ Church was the Rev. Mr. DeWolfe, of England, and at St. Bartholomew's, Rev. J. Scantlebury, of Carp.

Rev. Mr. Hodgins, formerly a teacher in Ridley College School, St. Catharines, has been appointed Curate of St. George's church. He entered on his duties, the 10th of September.

The Men's Bible Class has been resumed, meeting on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel Room, St. George's.

Mrs. Jenkins has resigned the position of Organist taking effect the 1st of October.

The St. George's chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew meets in the Chapel Room, weekly on Wednesday evening at 9.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to several candidates on the 18th Sunday after Trinity, at 4 p.m.

The Sunday School is in full working order with a good attendance.

The Gloucester Street Mission meetings, which include the Temperance Lodge, on Monday evenings, the Sunday School held on Sunday afternoons and the Church service at 4.15 p.m. Sundays, are being vigorously carried on with good results.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. John's on Sunday, October 1st. The church as usual was prettily decorated, the congregations were large, the choir sang very well and the offerings for the poor fund of the parish considerably exceeded last year's. The Rector preached both morning and evening.

After exactly three months absence in England the Rev. H. Pollard returned to Ottawa greatly refreshed in every way. The weather "at home" was true Canadian weather, dry and warm, hardly a shower of rain the whole summer. In some parts where there is clayey soil, the earth has cracked so much as to injure the foundations of the houses, the trees were shedding their leaves early in August and the grass was brown and withered. In spite of all, or perhaps because of the fine warm weather, the Rector of St. John's and his wife can hardly find terms to express their great enjoyment of the trip. In his first sermon after their return, he heartily thanked the congregation for their kind generosity, which in every way added to the pleasure of the visit.

The Rev. W. J. Muckleston's removal to Perth is a great gain to that aspiring town and a great loss to Ottawa. In Christ Church he has been an indefatigable worker in every department of clerical work, whilst his brethren in the ministry will greatly miss his good judgment and hearty cooperation in everything that promoted the general welfare of the Church. In his new field of labour he will doubtless bring to bear all the resources of his mind and heart, and will make his presence felt in a parish, which through the long illness of the late Rector, has not enjoyed to the full, that supervision of experience which is so necessary. The Rev. Mr. Coleman, the late Curate of Perth, leaves for England this month, to enjoy a brief holiday from his labours, which are highly appreciated by all classes in the town.

The Rev. T. Austin Smith is to take the duty at New Edinburgh during the absence of Rev. E. A.