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Services, Appointments, &c.

HOLY COMMUNION, 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month (<i>Alms for the Poor</i>).	8 : 00 A.M.
MORNING SERVICE, Sundays	11 : 00 A.M.
Holy Communion after Morning Service, 2nd and last Sundays in the Month.	
EVENING SERVICE (<i>Seats free</i>) Sundays.	7 : 00 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	3 : 00 P.M.
BIBLE CLASS (<i>For Young Women</i>).	3 : 00 P.M.
HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month.	4 : 15 P.M.
At other times by appointment.	
CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday	8 : 00 P.M.
PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.	8 : 00 P.M.
First Monday in the Month.	Social.
Second do do	Bible Class.
Third do do	Business.
Fourth do do	Devotional.

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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.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—2nd, \$34.52 ; 9th, \$45.86 and \$50 ; 16th, \$46.21 ; 20th, Thanksgiving Day, \$15, and for Algoma Church Building Fund, \$5, and for Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$78.09 ; 23rd, \$38.19 ; 30th, \$40, and for Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$22.70, and for Diocesan Mission Fund, \$36.46. We still require about \$20 to make up our assessment for the Widows and Orphans' Fund. The amount required weekly for Parochial purposes is \$46.

At the morning service on the 30th a new set of five Offertory Plates, the gift of Mr. A. J. Burrowes Close, was presented through the offertory. The plates were manufactured by Simpson Hall Miller, of Wallingford, Mass., and finished in Montreal. They are heavily silver-plated and lined with velvet of a deep crimson colour. Around the edge of each is one of the following texts:—"What shall I render unto the Lord."—Ps. cxvi. 12 ; "The silver is mine and the gold is mine."—Hag. ii. 8 ; "Every man shall give as he is able."—Deut. xvi. 17 ; "Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. x. 8 ; and, "God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Cor. x. 7. The engraving is done in Church text with gothic capitals, in an American style of workmanship.

THE Rev. Provost Body, following the example of his predecessor, preached for the first time in Toronto at St. George's, on Sunday morning, 16th October. The sermon was from the text, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness"—Rom. iv. 3 ; and had for its chief subject a contrast of earnest faith and spiritual life with the semi-unbelief so prevalent at the present day—a subject eminently unpopular and distasteful to the "itching ears," but of vital importance.

IN response to an invitation from the Rector to the active Church workers of the parish, a goodly number assembled at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, 18th October, where they were most hospitably received and entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Cayley.

THE selection of St. George's Church for the coming Session of the Synod has been the occasion of a good deal of repairing and general "doing up" to the Church and School-house. Besides numerous minor repairs new oak steps have been put in at the three west doors of the church, the old ones having become completely decayed, and the South porch has been newly wainscoted inside and painted and a new slat-walk made to it from Dufferin Place. A supply of new matting for the church has enabled the sexton to use the old in rendering the floor of the School-house less bare than hitherto, and some person unknown has provided a carpet for the platform of the large hall in the School-house.

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