

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—June 5th, \$34.50 ; 12th, \$43.59 ; 19th, \$33.98, and for Diocesan Mission Fund, \$22 ; 26th, \$35.44.

WATER MOTOR.—After several weeks spent in enquiries into the merits of various kinds of hydraulic engines, it was finally decided to procure a Berry motor, which was placed in the organ chamber in time for use on Sunday, 4th June. Acting on the advice of Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, a larger engine than the fair donor had intended was selected. The additional cost incurred by this change was, in part at least, borne by a friend of the giver. The water service was introduced into the Church free of any expense to the Organ Improvement Committee by a member of the congregation, who personally arranged for and superintended the work.

CHOIR.—Mr. Rose presided at the organ for the last time on Sunday, 4th June, and left for England the following day. The members of the choir presented him with a farewell address accompanied by a wedding present of plate. Mr. Whiteley immediately entered upon the duties of his office. We have every reason to hope that under his instruction the choir will earn for itself a reputation even greater than it has already acquired. During the continuance of the summer holidays, however, and the consequent absence of so many members of the choir, we must not look for so much as we shall expect when all muster again in full force. We were much struck with the beauty of a new Kyrie, or Response to the Commandments, which was sung on Sunday, the 26th. It is, we understand, the composition of the organist, Mr. Whiteley, and was written with the object of being sung by the congregation, as well as by the choir. It is certainly more congregational than many in general use, and will no doubt soon be taken up even by the most unmusical.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The annual Festival has been arranged to take place on Friday, the 8th of July, at the High Park. Contributions towards the expenses will be gladly received.

## THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT.

THE outburst of disappointment with which, by the secular press at least, the appearance of the Revised New Testament was greeted, has been succeeded by much more favourable criticism. The first expressions of opinion were clearly too hasty to be of much value, having appeared within a space of time after the publication of the book within which no one, however great his ability, could make so critical an examination of the Revisers' work as to be able to form a just judgment of the result. We would venture to caution our readers against forming too hasty an opinion, as it must necessarily take some time before a work which has