

MONTHLY NOTES.

a sparse attendance, so that there were not so many hearers as such a sermon should have had. The Chancellor did not advocate either of the views now so earnestly discussed, but treated the matter from a much higher point of view, setting forth the reasons and principles upon which the whole question of Sunday observance rests, and leaving it to his hearers to draw their own conclusions as to the application of such principles in detail as occasion may require.

One great source of annoyance and difficulty which besets the path of a choir master is the withdrawal of choristers without sufficient cause, some seeming to have but little appreciation of the work in its true nature and purpose, but being rather disposed to use it as a sort of singing school; and having, as they fancy, learned all that the choir master is able to teach or their fellow-members disposed to learn, go off to some other choir (or school) to improve their acquirements. From this evil we have fortunately been pretty free in St. Alban's, and we do not think that there have been many defections without good reason; nevertheless, even to a steady choir, it may not be amiss to mention an instance in

England, lately referred to in Church papers, of a chorister who died a member of the choir of his parish church, in which he had rendered his services for a period of eighty-three years. During that period the same choir had, at different times, among its members, three of the brothers of the deceased, four of his sons, and five of his grandsons.

For some six or seven years fittings for electric light have been in place in the choir, but no suitable electric service was within reach. The system in use in the city has, however, been now extended, and a connection has been made, so that on Easter Day evening a certain number of the lights were in use, the others not having been adjusted in time for that occasion. It so happened, however, that an accident to the electric light company's plant caused an interruption, so that the lights burned for no more than a few minutes. The lights now in the choir are hardly suitable for ordinary use, and if we are to use this light as a substitute for gas, some additional lights, placed in a lower position, will be required. The lights are arranged in groups, so that such as may be required on any occasion may be used without the remainder.