

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—December 3rd, \$45.51; 10th, \$39.82; 17th, \$49.71; 24th, \$45.36. Total, \$180.40.

Corresponding period last year, \$181.07.

Christmas Offertory, \$104.75.

To meet expenses, \$60 will be required weekly until Easter.

VOTERS' LIST.—The declaration of voters for Lay Representatives to the Synod will require to be signed between the 1st and 15th January, and may be signed on any day at Mr. Chadwick's office; the Churchwardens will also attend at the Vestry Rooms on the evenings of Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 11th to receive signatures. The declaration is as follows: "I solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of England, and of this congregation of St. George the Martyr, and that I am an habitual worshipper with this congregation; that my connection with it as such habitual worshipper commenced at least three months preceding the 1st day of January instant; that I am not registered as an habitual worshipper with any other congregation, and that I have not since the commencement of the three months above mentioned voted, nor do I intend to vote as a member of any other congregation, and that I am of the full age of twenty-one years."

CHRISTMAS.—Our Christmas services were very well attended this year, and were of the usual joyous character. At the two services there were altogether 180 Communicants—a somewhat larger number than on any previous Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve the whole service was Choral, and seemed to be joined in very heartily not only by the children but by the congregation at large. An address was afterwards given by the Rector to the children, who were seated near the pulpit. After the Blessing a number of Christmas Carols were sung. Copies of the words had been distributed throughout the Church, so that the congregation generally were able to join in them, which they did most heartily. At the forenoon service the Anthem was "Sing, O Heavens!" by Tours, the Solo being taken by Captain Geddes. At the Offertory Gounod's "Nazareth" was sung by Mr. Schuch, the Chorus being taken by the Choir. The decorations of the Church were tasteful and good, the scrolls being designed by Master Vaux Chadwick.

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BAPTISMS.

December 2.—Helen-Louisa-Homfray *d.* of L. Homfray and Louisa-Sarah Irving.
" 17.—Evelyn-Matilda *d.* of George and Eliza Ridout.

MARRIAGES.

December 14.—John S. Jones to Rebecca-Katherine Hunt.
" 23.—Thomas Green to Margaret O'Brien.

DIED.

On 14th December, at his residence in Grange Avenue, John-Boulton Boulton, Esq., in the 54th year of his age.

Mr. Boulton was one of the oldest members of St. George's. He served as Churchwarden in 1859-60, and was appointed again in 1862, and in the ensuing four years successively.

DAILY SERVICE.

During the Season of Advent, Evening Prayer has been said daily at 5 o'clock, except on Wednesday Evening, when it has been at 8, and followed by a short Sermon. The experiment has been so far successful; and now that the Clerical Staff of the Parish is somewhat stronger, the Rector feels that it will be well to carry it on. The hour has been selected as that which is judged to be, on the whole, most convenient for those who are likely to attend; but it is the desire of the Clergy to adopt any hour that may be best for the people. The Rector will therefore be happy at any time to hear suggestions on this subject. It is hoped that it may be found desirable and useful soon to have Daily Morning Prayer as well, and any opinions which may be sent to the Rector as to the best hour for that service will receive careful consideration. We are quite aware that many persons will be unable to avail themselves of these privileges. We are sure, however, that they will be much valued by those who can attend, and that many who cannot, when they hear the Church Bell, will join in thought and feeling with those who go up to public worship, and will thank God that the voice of prayer and intercession is ascending in their Parish Church.

NEW PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

A very interesting and largely attended meeting was held in St. George's School Room, on Thursday, December 14, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of forming two new Parochial Associations. The recent week of service, and meetings in connection with the work of the Church of England Temperance Society, has led to a general feeling of the desirableness of some definite organization in each parish for the purpose of giving effect to