

individuals, are always dilatory about everything. Indeed, the character of a parish, in this particular, is a true exponent of the character of the individuals that compose it. Nothing is ever done in its season. Whatever degree of willingness there may be in regard to any object, no movement is made, at the time when it should be made, towards its accomplishment. If repairs are needed, there is no one to go forward and see that the matter receives prompt attention. If liabilities are incurred, no way is provided to meet them. The old proverb is verified, that "what is everybody's business is nobody's;" and so nobody is ready to act in the case. The consequence is, that there are many discomforts which might have been easily avoided, and many embarrassments which ought not to have existed; debts are contracted; creditors are impatient; the people become indifferent, the minister dissatisfied and discouraged; there is a "falling away;" the church expires, having thus exhausted the whole of its "little strength." The model parish pursues a course which is just the reverse of this, — doing all things when they ought to be done, doing them just in the manner in which they ought to be done, and neglecting nothing which should receive attention. It undertakes nothing without first providing the means. It promises nothing which it does not fulfil. It makes no enemies, and everywhere gains friends. People have confidence in it, and readily join it. The minister finds sufficient motives for exertion, and spares no labor. Thus all things combine and work to its advantage. No one will hear from any quarter the complaint that such a church is weak.

In the remarks which have been made, nothing more