

In Memoriam.

DIED, at his residence, Beverley Street, on Sunday evening, 20th of March, in his 76th year, WILLIAM GAMBLE, Lay Delegate to the Synod from this Parish, for the year 1880-81, and for the four previous years successively.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY DURING MARCH.—6th, \$45.82; 13th, \$39.25; 20th, \$41.45; 27th, \$40.77. POOR.—2nd, \$8.96; 4th, \$1.10; 6th, \$4.55; 13th, \$1.00; 18th, \$6.05; 20th, \$3.75; 25th, \$4.22. SUNDAY SCHOOL.—6th, \$2.75; 13th, \$3.06; 20th, \$2.71; 27th, \$5.09.

A FULL ATTENDANCE of members and "habitual worshippers" at the Easter meetings is particularly desired. A scanty attendance would seem to show a lack of interest in Parochial affairs, and is apt to throw the management of those affairs into the hands of a few.

There is no reason why these meetings should not be attended by both sexes. Last year a few ladies were present, and we would be glad to see their example followed by the women of the congregation generally. There are eighteen female members of the Vestry.

IT IS WITH FEELINGS of the most lively satisfaction that we announce the gift—foreshadowed in the last number of *Church Work*—by a young lady member of the choir, of a water motor with all its appliances, for the organ. We are pleased to be able to record this donation, not merely because of its value, for it is indeed no mean gift, but also because it shews that we have in our younger members some of the same spirit which time and again in years past has called forth many an act of a similar kind among members of our Church, who, though long since gone, some to distant lands and some to that other land still more distant yet ever near, still seem to continue present with us in their gifts.

IT IS WELL KNOWN that for some time past a number of members of the congregation have been advocating the use of surplices by the men and boys of the choir, but the Rector has hesitated to accede to their wishes because he felt that such a change might not be agreeable to others. Two offers by different persons to present the choir with surplices have of late brought the question forward more prominently, and the discussion of it has made it apparent that the desire for the adoption of the surplices is much more general in the congregation than was supposed. The chief argument in its favour is, that it would tend to decency and order by promoting among the men and boys of the choir regularity of attendance and punctuality and an increase of reverential demeanour appropriate to the time and place. The objections are: 1. That it would be something new in St. George's; and, 2. That some people would regard it as a step towards ritualism: but as to the first, if it really should have the promised result, the novelties of punctuality on the part of the men and good behaviour by the boys would be innovations which would need no apology; as to the second objection, the idea that surplices are ritualistic is quite exploded, in England at least, where their use is not at all peculiar to churches of the ritualistic school. Surpliced choirs existed long before ritualism was "invented."