

lightings, discontentment and murmuring within our fold. We must be as little children, looking to our Pastor for help and guidance, "submitting ourselves to our teachers, spiritual pastors, and masters, and with their help, looking up to the great Shepherd and Pastor of us all, JESUS CHRIST, our Saviour and Head."

As we look over the past and see what has been done in so short a time, what can we say but that the hand of the LORD is in all this, and why, dear friends, has he helped us? Because we have first helped ourselves. The LORD has prospered our handiwork. I feel, then, and I am sure you must all feel with me, that we owe a great debt of gratitude to ALMIGHTY GOD, deeply thankful ought we to be to him. I purpose, then, (D. V.) to set apart the 31st day of October as a day for Special Thanksgiving Services (and if convenient to our Bishop as the day for our Confirmation) and I also ask each member of our Congregation:—not communicants only, but all who worship with us, both young and old,—to make some special effort, to give freely, cheerfully, and willingly some offering to ALMIGHTY GOD on that day. No adult, I trust, will give less than \$1 00. Enclosed is a paper which I would ask you to fill up and place any time between this and Thanksgiving Day in the box at the door. I myself will start the list with \$10.00, and if there should be Ten other offerings of \$5.00, I will double mine. The reason why I issue this pastoral now instead of later on as I first intended, is that Winter will soon be upon us again. We all know how uncomfortable we were last Winter owing to the unfinished state of the building and how seriously my health was injured by the cold draughts, etc., thus seriously hindering the work. I am therefore anxious to make the building comfortable, to finish off windows and sheathing; to erect another stove and chimney; and to complete, as far as possible, the interior of the main building before the Bishop's visit. We want our Church finished, but I am also anxious that when it is finished we may say it is free from all debt. I therefore as your Pastor ask you to show your thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD—to shew you appreciate the humble work of your Pastor and GOD's goodness to you—by making freewill offerings to Him towards this work. If you read your Bibles carefully you will find that when Kings David, Solomon, or any others were anxious to build houses to GOD they had not to get up Picnics, Bazaars, Fancy Sales, or Concerts to raise Funds, for that is not *giving* to GOD, because you expect and get in all these things value for your money. No. They did what I am doing now—asked the people to shew their gratitude to ALMIGHTY GOD for His past mercies. The offerings came in abundantly from rich and poor, and GOD blessed them; so, if we *deny* ourselves and do the same, GOD will not fail to bless us. I therefore ask each one to say what he or she will give to GOD as a thank offering for His past mercies. You need not pay it before Thanksgiving Day, but I want to see how much our united offerings are likely to be, so that I can put the work in hand and

dedicate it to GOD as a freewill offering (it would not be that if unpaid for) on Thanksgiving Day. If this should fall into the hands of any outside friends, I earnestly ask them for their prayers on our behalf, and, if they are able, to give us an offering. There are many things wanted in our Church which could be given by our well to do friends as memorials, such as Pulpit, Lectern, Organ, Bell, etc.

And now with my best thanks to you all for your kind assistance and perseverance, for the many personal kindnesses I have received in the past, asking for your prayers, and trusting you may have grace to continue in the good work you have begun; with my earnest prayers for your bodily and spiritual welfare, I commend you to the care and protection of the ALMIGHTY,

And remain, my dear Parishioners,
Your faithful friend and Pastor in Christ,

J. C. TITCOMBE.

CLERGY HOUSE, July, 1886.

The Church picnic will, it is hoped, be held this month—about the 10th or 12th. Due notice, however, will be given.

The free labour list will appear next month.

Parochial Items.

CAMBRIDGE:—We expect the Bishop Coadjutor here for Confirmation on October 25th, and hope many will avail themselves of this opportunity to receive the blessing in store for them.

No work is going on just now as regards the Churches, but a picnic is on the tapis for Sept. 8.

Donations of fancy goods and all kinds of saleable articles are earnestly solicited.

JOHNSTON:—The girls and boys of Goshen met together on the afternoon of July 5th, in the Church grounds, to present what they had subscribed towards the Parson's salary. Their subscriptions amounted to over eight dollars, which sum was not given without any cost to themselves, as most of it was earned by picking strawberries.

After an hour or two at foot-ball and other games, they went to the Church, where a short service was held, together with the singing of some hymns, and an address was given to the children by the Rector; after which all went to their homes happier, we are sure, for doing active work in God's harvestfield instead of only looking on.

PETITCODIAC:—Our Salisbury Mission Room is at last an accomplished fact. Thanks to the grant of \$50 from the D. C. S. we have been able to open free of debt. On July 15th, His Lordship the Coadjutor Bishop formally opened the Room in the presence of a full congregation. We have