

the line of direct parochial duty, that which is my daily necessity, a large and most diversified correspondence—such is but a part only of the incessant and exacting stream of demands upon a clergyman's time which often make it utterly impossible for him to snatch even from the interstices of his interruptions a few brief moments for the preparation of his numerous addresses and sermons.

In the afternoon it is the same. It is a rare thing for me to have an uninterrupted meal. Before dinner is finished the door bell peals again, and another caller arrives, to be followed by two or three more, attention to whom must be given, and perhaps two or three letters written. Committee meetings without number almost, Alms House, Vestry, Band of Hope, Missionary, C. and C. S. S., P. C. A., Charitable Societies, Working Societies, Mite and Dorcas Societies, Diocesan Committees, B. H. M., Bible Society and all kinds of meetings. When I think of all these committees and meetings I am sometimes inclined to lose heart, and protest.

Of course we don't object to bona fide church or parish meetings. They are part of a clergyman's business, and therefore duty. I am now speaking of those interminable invitations to meetings of all kinds which take the clergymen away from that most important part of his work, the visitation of his flock. And yet in spite of all these vexatious interruptions you will see that your clergy have not altogether omitted either this very necessary and incessant work. The evening is much the same. Services, meetings, societies, committees, tax the already overburdened worker, rarely leaving him an evening for quiet at home, or for study, and self improvement.

My clerical duties since last Easter may be summarized as follows:—

I have conducted or taken part in.....	287 Services.
“ Preached.....	104 Sermons.
“ Delivered.....	129 Addresses.
“ Attended.....	184 Meetings.
“ Paid.....	874 Visits.

Solemnized 22 weddings, 24 funerals and 34 baptisms.

A temporary sickness, and an absence for nine Sundays