

## SERMON.

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I. TIMOTHY, v. 18. *The Scripture saith "the labourer is worthy of his reward."*

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It is my privilege this evening of the Thanksgiving Day to direct your attention to the contents of a circular letter of the Lord Bishop, with reference to the Sustentation Fund for the Clergy of this Diocese. In accordance with the instructions contained therein, the collections to-day in the various churches of the Province will be devoted to *this* object, namely; the increase of the fund which aids those congregations in the support of their clergymen, who seem least able to bear the whole burden themselves. And I am called on to address you this evening, in accordance with a provision in the same letter, that the clergy should to-day impress on the people the duty of "honouring the Lord with their substance—of conjoining with the thankfulness of the lips a substantial offering for the extension of His kingdom upon earth." And I have chosen the text with the hope that it may lead you to make a *liberal* contribution, liberal in the truest sense of the word, as free and hearty, uninfluenced by a momentary excitement, or by low and selfish considerations, "not grudgingly or of necessity for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver;" not surprised by the impulse of the moment into an offering disproportionate, either in excess or defect, to the gift you are able to bestow—the offering which conscientiously you feel you ought to make to such an object; but that you may consider what you are about to do,—whose service you are furthering,—to whose necessities you are ministering,—and what portion of the burden of others weaker and poorer than yourselves you are bound in duty to bear.