

CHURCH MISCELLANY.

Most of the members of the Church have now returned from their vacation trips and sojourns in various places. We have reason for gratitude that God has graciously preserved all from accident and death, especially when so many have been taken suddenly away. We have once more come to the "busy season" in Church work, for while nature rests after its abundant manifestations of life and fruits, the influences of the spiritual world with their blessings are abundant. The individual or church which neglects this autumn and winter with their claims and opportunities will be likely to neglect all. By the evidences of the flight of time and by the indications of decay and death in nature are we not reminded that our time is short and urged, whatsoever our hands find to do, to do it with all our might.

Now that another winter's work is before us let us settle this matter in our mind that we need not wait and not even pray God to suffer us to work, or to be willing to graciously aid us in His service. That matter was fully settled many centuries ago. We know God loves us, has made atonement for sin, has given us the Spirit, has opened to us all the inexhaustible resources of His grace and is more willing to bless us than we are to receive. As the unsaved have only to take the gift of eternal life, so believers have only to receive the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. We need not pray to God to open to us the windows of Heaven; the windows are open, as we will find by bringing the tithes into the storehouse and receive a blessing superabounding.