

feel now we are to have service, even if it is only once a month.' Once more in another place I asked those who would like to see the Church service regularly in the village to meet me next morning, at 9 a.m. At that hour over *thirty* men attended, some having walked six, seven, and nine miles to be present. They spoke warmly and plainly, and appeared deeply roused. I told them I would do my best to get them some money towards a Church Building, if they would meet my efforts by their labour. In half an hour I had over £60 worth of labour promised me. One poor man, only an English labourer, offered to do the whole of the work of building a stone foundation to the Church, if the materials were placed on the ground: the value of this was at least £15. The materials were soon promised; and the promises fulfilled. I have been there and found the men working as busy as bees in the evening, when their farm work was done, some of the men walking five miles to give their labour." What would be thought of such zeal for the Church in England?

My brethren, I have felt that the call of which I have spoken was one that I at least could not resist. It seemed to me to be an emergency of the Church which those clergy, who like myself had no special home ties such as is implied in wife and children, and who might be able to support themselves by their private means, might do something to help to alleviate by volunteering for the work. I have therefore placed my resignation of this parish in the hands of the Bishop from the end of next month. But as I have said, I regard it strictly as an emergency of the Church. I do not in the least consider it as of necessity a life-long work. In a few years, say ten, the pressure will probably have passed away, the land will have been brought into cultivation, and the inhabitants will be able to provide the ministrations of religion for themselves in the usual way.

I know there will be those who will be ready to ask and urge with some degree of plausibility, is not the position I hold here one of greater responsibility than any I am likely to find there? have I not here the charge of a greater number of souls than I can have there? and in the great dearth of clergy which we are all so continually lamenting, even for the supply of our home needs how can I reconcile it with my duty to forsake the work at home for work in another country? To these objections I would make these two simple, but to me, it seems all sufficient answers. I quite recognize the work here is more responsible than anything I can have there, but then God's calls do not necessarily always come to posts of greater responsibility. There may be more specially urgent and therefore important work needed for a time in places of less responsibility. The great difference, however, seems to me to be this, that while there are many willing and fully able to carry on the work I lay down here, I shall be there doing work, however imperfectly and humbly, which otherwise would not be