

been preserved from all sickness during the biennial period of which I am treating, not having been hindered in any one instance from attending to the calls of duty of whatever kind. I hope the imperfection which has marked the performance of these duties, may be mercifully forgiven by my heavenly Master. We have had to lament, in common with other churches, the removal by death of many of our number who never failed to be in their places on the Lord's Day. May those who remain consider it their great privilege as well as their duty, to be strict in their attendance in the Sanctuary, and feel, like the psalmist, a desire and longing to be in the courts of the Lord. Do not content yourselves with coming *en ce* in the day, but if it be possible, let every Sunday morning and evening find you in the House of God. I know that in the case of many mothers of families, this may not be practicable. But for the men there is no excuse, as I often tell you, except sickness, or staying at home to let the wife have her turn too. And here let me say, that the habit which many have, of wandering to other places of worship, and turning their backs on their own Minister is not very complimentary to him, and of doubtful benefit to themselves. "Itching ears" were condemned long ago by higher authority than the writer. True, if outward show, and pleasing of the eye, or artistic music be the object in view, it will not be found in Trinity. I am too old, if there was no other reason, to adopt any of the novelties which are creeping in among us. To have things "done decently and in order," as to the externals of worship is what I aim at; the prayers devoutly offered, in such a way as to be "understanded of the people." The word of God reverentially *read* in the best style,—The praises of God "sung with the spirit and the understanding also," not merely by a few persons in the choir—not to shew off the "performer," but to make "melody in every heart." This is what I desire to see in our worship. You know how often I exhort all the members of the congregation that can raise a tune at all, to join in that beautiful part of our service; and I hope to see the day when you will make the rafters ring with the heartfelt praises of your God. I desire also to have you all take *your* part in the service by repeating aloud the responses, as directed in your Prayer Books. On this point also you will remember many a hint from me. How much more an-