

upon the occasion of our General Thanksgiving, all will be forward and generous in the fulfilment of so important and so bounden a duty. All, I feel assured, will try to show that thankfulness for the recent bounties of a gracious Providence, in the very abundant harvest the country has been permitted to enjoy, are not words of course, but the expression of a really grateful heart."

One word in conclusion—Do not think I wish you to set one object of good pre-eminently above another—that I wish to undervalue the work that ought to be done to aid your ministers for Jesus' sake, not only by money, but by the offering of prayer and supplication that wisdom and utterance, and zeal and love may be granted them. Nor again, that I ask you to do less for the other funds in connexion with the Church Society than you do now.

But I put it to you as men, I put it to you asking you to put yourselves in the labourer's place; would you not think that as men you ought to be paid for your *work*, that you had a right to receive your *hire*, that you would gladly provide for those near and dear to you, as other men do, by diligence, economy, and care. Would you not think it hard to work like a slave without pay, and leave others dependent as paupers on the alms of their neighbours. In short, may I not commend to you with confidence the words of the text, "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

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