Mechanics Institute as the services were in future to be held there."

A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Taylor and Messrs. Matthew, Smith and
Francis chose the site of the present St. Matthew's and a building committee of five, of which Mr. Tilley was one, was elected.

There are no more records extant till 1867. By that time the church had been built (Tilley made its inside bricks); it was opened on 14th April of that year. The first incumbent was Rev. William Singleton, though according to Mrs. Westhorp's cutting, a Rev. C.T.Perks preached the first sermon. He came to Cheltenham by way of Brighton; at that time the railway terminated at North Brighton; a Mr. King, doubtless a member of St. Matthew's, "lent a conveyance" - a horse-drawn vehicle of some kind - to meet Mr. Perks there and bring him to the church.

The church and school committee was later replaced by a Board of Guardians of which Tilley was a member for fourteen years. At the first allotment of pews in St. Matthew's he acquired one and retained it till his death.

Tilley has many descendants in the Moorabbin district. One grand-son, Oswald, of Herald Street, Cheltenham continued his father's and grand-father's occupation of market gardening on eight acres inherited from them. Later he sold some of it to the Metropolitan Board of Works when it constructed a retarding basin in that area.