

made. Let any one so disposed examine into the results of parochial work, and he will find success attending the work in those parishes where every semblance of social distinctions *in the Church* has been eliminated, and the members have worked with their pastor on a common platform as members one of another in the mystical Body of Christ. To maintain social distinctions *in the Church* is to lose sight of the very principle which underlies every other principle of the Gospel. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." It cannot be the possession of material substance or the accident of birth which gives us access to God, or which increases His favor towards us. "God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." The very idea of a spiritual body and of spiritual things, and of a future state under these immaterial aspects, destroys every vestige of a privileged class with God, or of social distinctions in another world. The standard must of necessity be a much higher and truer one. Man's spiritual condition in God's sight, his possession of the Christian graces, will, through the merits of Christ, affect—and can alone affect—his future state. The many mansions are for degrees of spiritual eminence, and are spiritual distinctions conferred upon the humble and faithful believer by the Almighty. All this being so—and who can gainsay it—ought it not to be a matter of the deepest concern to every Christian to see that this stumbling-block be

removed from the way of the sinner's conversion and the Church's growth?

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### NEGLECT.

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THERE are some who neglect systematic weekly giving.

There are some who are neglecting regular attendance on the services, and receiving Holy Communion.

There are some who neglect to send their Children to the Sunday School.

There are some who neglect to come and assist in the work of the Sunday School.

There are some who are not doing any active work for the Church.

There are a great many who are sitting with folded hands, thinking the Lord will save them in some way, although he has nowhere given such assurance.

There are many who seem to be saying to themselves, "a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep."

The master is saying to all, "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?" "By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." Jesus is saying to everyone, "Go, work in my vineyard," and there is no movement, there is loitering, there are folded hands.

We wonder why the Church is not growing faster, why, as in the early Apostolic days the Lord is not "adding daily to the Church such as are being saved." If any one will read the Acts of the Apostles and see the spirit that animated