

system the longest trial. Says the *Christian Advocate and Journal*:

"It can't be denied that the system of recruiting our Church by revivals has been seriously abused, and that the faith of our preachers and people in the benefits of such religious excitements has been very much shaken. The plan of forcing a periodical excitement by the aid of professional agitators or revivalists, has been fraught with consequences most disastrous to the Church. Machine-Made Converts are found to have a very ephemeral life."

Is our Church to be censured for not being willing to try what one of the largest Bodies of Christians in the land has tried and—found wanting? Is it not the part of wisdom to learn from the experience of others? In adhering strictly to our own quiet mode of Church work, we mean to condemn no other Christians. We only think that our way is the best for us. If others think theirs is the best for them, well and good. If good come of their way, the Lord's name be praised.

Says the same paper:

"We fear that the religious tone given by many of our revival meetings is not a healthful one for penitents. They take the character for praise meetings, rather than penitent meetings. There is very much singing and little praying. There is not that solemn reverential approach to the throne of grace, in deep confession and solemn entreaty, and fearful emotions for pardon, that should make true penitence. Then there is often given to these meetings a light tone by singing and speaking. All attempts at smartness, and witticisms,

and drollery are exceedingly out of taste and out of place in such religious meetings. All flippancy is out of place, and is utterly inconsistent with the reverence, and purity, and earnestness of a new born soul, and can never result in religious stability.

After the conversation and reception as probationers, a system of strict training should begin. A course of reading should be prescribed by the Pastor, who, with the class-leader, should superintend the same, inquiring from time to time of the young convert how he or she is progressing therein. Such a course would certainly lead to better results than present statistics show."—*Rev. R. W. Lowire, in Living Church.*

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."—*Colossians iii. 1, 2.*

The Holy Sacrament of Baptism made you partakers of Christ's Death and Resurrection. It has joined you with Him in so wonderful and sacred a way, that He Himself and His Holy Apostle have compared it with the mysterious union of the Holy Trinity. If then ye be thus marvellously in sacrament risen with Christ, seek those things that are above. Our life is hidden. Though dead, truly and sacramentally dead with Christ in baptism, yet we are also alive. But it is now His Life. It is a new principle. It is conferred with a new birth. It is a life of new hope, it is full of immortality. Christ is our Life.

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