

power to guide, or rule, are measured by the cheers he may draw from public meetings, by the shallow clap-trap of the hour.—Give us crowds : give us placards ; give us a good sale of tickets : give us notoriety, and a buzz of interest ; and be as worldly in the way of getting them, as you will." Let such builders count the probable cost of these laurels of worldly fame. If their reward should be *popularly* even to their heart's content, what will this prize be worth in the day when God shall try every man's work !

In forming and building up local churches, "upon the foundation of the Apostles, and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself, being the chief corner stone," we *cannot take too great heed how we build*. We are doing a *great work—the greatest work* that mortal hands ever engaged in, if efficiently advancing the walls of the Spiritual Temple. Especially should we take heed that the doctrines we teach and the materials we introduce are according to the pattern, and instructions given us by the Divine Architect.

Let not the *private members* of the churches suppose that such caution is requisite only on the part of Ministers. Every member of the church has a share of responsibility, in common with the pastor, for the church's purity of doctrine and fellowship, faithfulness of discipline, and integrity to apostolic spirituality. It is only while the whole church cherishes a sense of individual and collective responsibility to Christ, for the witness borne, and the influence exerted, by its ministry—its ordinances—its discipline—and the personal example of its members, that any fellowship of saints can long retain its candlestick, with Divine honour, and acceptance. Every disciple can render active assistance, in the conservation, and extension of the kingdom of Christ. There is no place in the Church for silent partners :—drones, however they may be regarded by their fellow men, are not the disciples of "Him who ever went about doing good." The "wise man" sends the sluggard to the ant for instruction : and surely some of the "children of light" might study with advantage the scene described by the Lord—"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the Queen of heaven." If a heathen religion can thus enlist every hand, and heart, what intense activity, and zealous devotion should characterize the redeemed and sanctified church of Christ !

Let Zion's sons and daughters one and all take more pleasure in her stones, and devote their utmost resources, time, intellect, heart, and influence, to the rearing of her spiritual walls ; but withal, "let every man take heed *how* he buildeth ;"—and Zion's set time of favour shall have fully come. The Lord will take pleasure in the work of his people and "glorify the house of his glory."

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ENGLAND.—The special Sunday evening services are "signs of the times : " St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and Exeter Hall, occupied by zealous dignitaries and distinguished ministers of the Church of England ! The torpor of former generations has surely passed away. A great change has also come on the spirit and tendencies of the age when these services continued to excite attention and are eagerly engaged in by thousands. The dissenting bodies (as they are called) are also displaying the same zeal for the benefit of the working classes, and have