

"proved" by the congregation, and found to possess the required character and gifts.

5th.—These officers were, and should be, men taken from the congregation, engaged in the ordinary vocations of life, but whose character, experience, and natural abilities fit them for office. No salary or fee appears to have been attached to the discharge of its duties. The offices were purely honorary. No power beyond the congregation itself was recognized either in the appointment or removal, of church officers after the death of the Apostles.

6th.—Their duties are to watch over the spiritual welfare of their brethren; to aid, according to their gifts, in the self-instruction of the body, looking only for the heartfelt recompense which follows free and benevolent labour, and for the approval of the "Chief Shepherd," when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. They repudiated mercenary rewards according to apostolic counsel and example—"Thus, 2nd Cor. xii. 17, 18., "I will not be burdensome to you;" "Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?" "Did Titus make a gain of you?"—"Walked we not in the same spirit—in the same steps?" Again, 1st. Thess. ii., 9—"For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you." Also, Acts xx. 33.—"I have coveted no man's silver or gold"—"these hands have ministered to my necessities."—"I have shewed you (Ephesian bishops) all things, how that so laboring (at some honest employment,) ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

7th.—It is a simple social arrangement made by Divine wisdom, and, in all its aspects is full of benignity to man, and in its nature essential to the promotion of his interests for time and for eternity.

ITS MOTTO IS

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

### Citizens! Patriots! Christians!

WHICH OF THE TWO SYSTEMS ARE YOU SUSTAINING BY YOUR EXAMPLE AND MEANS?

THE PRESENCE of GOD.—Privation of the presence of God, is Hell; a diminution of it, is a step towards it. Fruition of his presence is heaven. And shall any man be afraid of having too much heaven--too much God!

subordinates: the people have nothing to do in their election.

5th.—These officers are a trained ecclesiastical police: they are paid enormous salaries by the government to be its servants; they exercise an iron sway over the people; and, however morally debased, can hold their places in defiance of them: their functions may have some warrant from the Koran or Mass Book, but none from the New Testament.

6th.—Their duties are mainly to watch over and secure the mental and political servitude of the masses, through religious means, and to manage their own finances and estates. The higher the official station, and the larger the salary, the less commonly is the amount of religious duty performed. The rewards are all mercenary in the extreme; and the enormous drafts made upon the productive industry of Great Britain and Ireland, to uphold the political priesthood, in idleness, luxury and vice, astounds the whole civilized world. The cost of the Priesthood of all other nominal Christians in the world being computed at £8,591,000 sterling; while the National curse in ENGLAND AND IRELAND consumes about £10,000,000 every year!!! How true is the prophecy of God's Word!—"There shall be false teachers among you;" "through covetousness shall they, with feigned words make merchandize of you;"—"whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."—2 Peter, ii. 3.

7th.—It is an artful device of the Wicked One to corrupt Christianity, to prevent the progress of the human mind, and is destructive alike to the temporal and eternal interests of man.

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