

# Church Work.

We speak concerning Christ and the Church.

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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

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## CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY.

THE whole question of personal Christian obligation to support and maintain the preaching of the Word of God, both at home and abroad, can be summed up in few words. It is only necessary to believe in God, and in the Bible as the Word of God, and then all else is plain.

If we believe in God and in His Word, we must at once see that the Creator has made all things for Himself—for His own glory. As the Psalmist in a certain place declares: "Thou hast made the heaven for thine inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession." And, therefore, while on the one hand the souls of men are His, so also, on the other, the gold and silver are His likewise. As the Psalmist elsewhere declares: "It is God who giveth thee power to get wealth." And herein lies our great responsibility in the matter. To Christian England and her Colonies God has given a large share of the wealth of the world, and we believe that God has selected this nation to do His work, and intends that she shall be the instrument in

His hands of bringing to the ears of the far-off lands of the earth, the Glad Tidings of the Gospel Message of redeeming love and salvation through Jesus Christ.

But whether as a nation we be God's chosen missionaries or no, the personal responsibility of each individual Christian remains the same. If we have been brought to a lively sense of our own sinfulness and lost condition, and have found Jesus Christ the precious Friend and Saviour, through whose Blood we have been washed and cleansed and pardoned, then ought we to desire the same blessed experience to be the lot and condition of every one.

And then it will become a question with us not "How little can I give the Church and yet be deemed a worthy and respectable member?" but "How much can I possibly return to God of that which He has so graciously given me?" "In what way can I best become a co-worker together with God by helping along the great work of Christ's Church on earth?" And feeling so, we will tax our pockets to the utmost, and exert our best energies, to do His will, and to advance His Kingdom.