

not discouraged by the carpings and adverse criticisms of opponents or half-hearted friends. They have proved all things, and hold fast that which is good.

The truly converted Churchman, like Saul of Tarsus, will ask God to give him something to do for the furtherance of His kingdom, and will fervently seek spiritual sight, light, and strength wherewith to do it.

It is not among those who think all systems equally good that a clergyman finds his zealous and useful lay-workers. It is to his best interests, therefore, as a worker in God's vineyard and the leader of his flock, that pure Church teaching should be supplied them.

But in these days of cheap secular newspapers, the great majority of our people prefer to look for the news of the day to such sources, even at the risk of contaminating influences finding access to their families thereby, and for this reason will not support a weekly Church newspaper when it costs nearly, if not quite as much, as its secular rivals. This is an acknowledged evil.

But our Magazine aims to supply as far as possible sound Church teaching to such as those. Its short, pithy articles and extracts are willingly read in the few minutes of leisure of busy people, "here a little and there a little," and to the point, and easily understood and remembered. The smallness of its cost, (30 cents a year) places it within the reach of even the poorest, whilst its sound teaching will help, under God, to guard them against the current evils of the merely secular press. It keeps them informed of the work and progress of

the Church at home and abroad. The system of localizing, by adding an outside sheet, the trifling cost of which can be largely met by a few local advertisements, will enable the clergyman of any parish greatly to increase its usefulness among his people. Its aim is to prove a sort of curate to the over-worked Rectors of our parishes, and we, therefore confidently look for an extensive patronage among Church people, lay and clerical.

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### LIBERALITY.

If a lively and incisive test were needed for the spiritual health of a congregation, none would answer the purpose better than to see how it treated its minister. It is the grossest hypocrisy and cant for the flock to pretend to be religious, and yet to leave its pastor worse off than its average members. But while it is meet and right that the clergy should be decently, and, indeed, liberally provided for, what is most wanted in a minister is evidence of unimpeachable disinterestedness.

Let the minister go and live among the people, and do the best he can for them, when he can, and how he can. Zeal on the one side will beget zeal on the other.

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### PREACHING.

PREACHING through an ordinance of God for the salvation of man, was never intended to work alone. Mere preaching without distinctive teaching, is useless. A writer in an English paper says:—Some time ago, a member, we think of Mr. Newman Halls' congregation, wrote to a Dissenting paper