

with tithes and offerings; the clergy seem to have combined to keep me in ignorance?"

The Rev. George McKnight, while maintaining that the cause of the meanness of the laity is the want of teaching by the clergy, expresses an opinion that it arises from their defective training. "They have received no instruction whatever in their preparation for Holy Orders,"—but he only places the blame a little higher up, on the Bishops and the Professors.

Mr. T. D. Lowther has given real estate to the value of \$20,000 towards endowing the cathedral at Chicago. Mr. Astor has given \$21,000 to build a church in Sioux Falls in memory of his wife, who left \$25,000 for work among the Indians.

We find that as a rule the poor, like the poor Jews in the days of Ezra, are most inclined to return to God in tithes. So the following on the "Hilarious Giver" in the *Spirit of Missions* is encouraging:—

"It is a fine old legend, *Noblesse oblige*—noble blood binds one to noble service. Just so the noblest men of our time are beginning—only beginning—to awaken to the power of the legend, *Richesse oblige*. The crisis in our national life calls most loudly for Christian work and Christian giving in home fields. From heathen lands come such requests for Christian teachers and missionaries as appal our mission boards. In our colleges are 2,000 young men who say to the Church of America: "Send us; we are ready to go." Now that fields are open and laborers ready, shall we hold back our Lord's money, and keep these heralds of glad tidings from the work they are ready to do? What an opportunity to use for the noblest ends that *power*, that *concentrated life-effort* which is coined in wealth!

"God loveth a cheerful giver.' Have you studied the precise import of the word translated cheerful? It came to me with wonderful force a few days since as I was reading my Greek Testament. The word is *hilaron*. There is no mistaking its import. God loves a whole souled, "hilarious" giver; one who is not ashamed of the cause for which he gives; one who with a strong, buoyant, joyous confidence in the cause, in the men who are working with him for it, and above all in the God who directs the work, gives freely, heartily and *with a swing!* To the sense of duty from the law of Christian service, shall we not by God's help add this crowning grace of spontaneous, hearty, *hilarious* Christian giving of time and money for the cause of our Master!"

Books and Periodicals Dept.

Church Facts. By Rev. E. W. Hunter, Milwaukee. The Young Churchman Company. A capital little tract showing the history of the Church of England from earliest days, and the heritage received through her by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. Sold at the rate of \$2 per hundred copies.

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