

to extend her influence and gather larger numbers within her walls. It is said that in New York city the Episcopalians have of late years increased in numbers more rapidly than any other protestant denomination. In commenting upon this fact a recent number of the *New York Independent* attributes it in great measure to the more business-like methods employed by the Episcopal church. While the other protestant churches assign only one minister to a congregation, each of the leading Episcopal congregations has several clergymen attached to it. In this way they have men enough to look after the old members of the flock and to engage in efforts to reach those outside the fold.

It seems to us that we may learn a lesson from our Episcopal friends. We are suffering, it is true, from a lack of men, and it may seem unnecessary and unwise to employ two men in one city congregation, when there are so many places in the country that are urgently in need of ministers. But the Church must keep firm hold of the cities, which are the great centres of wealth, influence, and culture, as well as of population, if she is to influence and mould our national life and character as she should. And that this end may be gained, the best methods of work must be employed and adequate means must be supplied.

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