

KEY TO PAROCHIAL SUCCESS.

Two words describe it—church attendance. No question about it. No doubt. Given faithfully, persistently, enthusiastically attended services—the people there in force, there as a standing duty, there to see things proper and there to make things proper—and the thrift of any parish is established! Everything else will follow: warm devotion, hearty devotion, hearty worship, quick activity, ample collections. Even the dullest of ministries can be overcome by this means; being either quickened into sympathetic life or else compelled to “give place” to one more in accord with such an environment.

The beauty of it is, too, that this key is within such easy reach of any parish. The people need not be rich, nor experienced, nor learned. Any honest, earnest soul can come often to church, to join in the services, add to its energies and partake of its life. Oft at church means strength of soul to the people. Oft at church means glory, triumph, heaven's blessing for the parish.

Those who only come to church occasionally or only on Sunday mornings, lend a very partial and an almost insignificant strength to their Church as compared with the magnificent service they could render—being happily so minded as to lend often the helpfulness of their presence. “Ease in Zion” in this respect is the ruin of many a parish. It is disastrous and contagious as concerns the people. It suggests to the clergy the easy letting down of things to the lowest level, except on a Sunday morning.

No question about it. Empty pews invite disaster and insure defeat; while full pews of people who realize their duty are a prophecy of success. —*Exchange.*

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