

Mystical Body? How can a broken up and divided Christendom be one again? It is not at all necessary that we should hold the same opinions. Let it suffice for Churchmen that they gladly confess the same one Faith, once delivered to the saints, and be at agreement as to those great characteristic notes of the Divine Kingdom which have obtained from the beginning. It is enough that it may be said of us as it was of those of the Church of the first days: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of the bread, and in the prayers."

LIVING MEMBERS.

THE thought of what the Church is as a Divinely established and Divinely organized body, possessing in the fullest degree what is necessary for the evangelization of the world, and for the daily support and development of the Christian life, ought not to make us satisfied to do nothing positive and aggressive to extend and develop her. It by no means follows that because of these things her members are to be dead and not living branches. No, if the tree is alive the branches must also be alive, and fruit as well as leaves must everywhere appear. More than that, God demands that those who love Him shall labor to advance His kingdom upon earth. If we do not work for Him, whatever we may think about it, the fact remains we do not love Him as we should and as we must if we would be blessed by the assurance of His presence with us here, and enjoy a hope of a home in Heaven hereafter.

WHAT IS MY DUTY?

THE GENERAL OBLIGATION.

To honor the Lord with our substance has been a Christian duty in all ages. It rests on the broad foundation that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "The silver and the gold" are His. And we, who are entrusted with more or less of it, are stewards of God to manage it for his interests.

It is an unworthy evasion of this claim of GOD on *all* our substance to urge that we have made it ourselves by our industry, business skill and economy. Such a plea implies an utter forgetfulness of an overruling, kind, and beneficent Providence. Surely we will not plead that we made our money without GOD. For even if He has not been in all of our thoughts, we have been in his. Think then who it is that gives the health that makes any labor possible for us. Who gives the energy, the quickness of mind, the special skill, without which so many others have failed, or made much smaller gains? Are we not greatly dependent on outward circumstances for success? Who regulates the sunshine and the rain? In whose hand are our ventures on the great deep? In whom do we trust to guard us from disasters by land and sea? Disasters that may wreck the industry of a life-time? The thought then that men can gather property without GOD helping them, is utterly unreasonable in any man that recognizes that GOD reigns in the world. The plea can come consistently only from "the fool," who "says in his heart,