

PRACTICAL NOTES.

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“To each one his work” is a well recognized business principle, having Scriptural authority. It might seem strange, with all the Guilds, Societies, Bands, Associations, Leagues, etc., etc., that we have in our churches, to say that organization is the one great lack of Christianity. Comparatively few of the entire membership of any one church is actively engaged in systematic Christian work. There is no such organization of our forces as places a definite work upon each member, and makes him feel that he only can do that. “All at it and always at it” used to be said of Methodism, but it cannot be repeated to-day. Our preachers, instead of trying to do the work of one hundred, ought to learn how to set the one hundred to work. Thousands of Christians are spiritually dying of *ennui*. “Nothing to do,” because they are not given anything to do. Even where some few are engaged in work, how unsystematic and spasmodic it is. We need to introduce into our church work that strict principle of thorough organization that characterizes every well-regulated business: “A work for each,” and “each to his work.” Fancy a business house that employs as many hands as is represented by one of our churches letting them go to work in the same voluntary, semi organized, haphazard way. What would become of that great retail establishment at 190-200 Yonge St., Toronto, managed by T. EATON & Co., upon such a plan. The unprecedented success of that business is owing to the fact that it is so thoroughly organized that “it runs itself.” “To each one his work;” not one admitted, or retained for whom there is no work. If any one does not do “his work” he is discharged. Why should not “the children of light” be at least as wise as “the children of this world” in methods of work?