

on' of 'tables:' and therefore, being simply a member, not being prominently identified or officially associated with the Church, I am clear of all obligation to be interested in its work and life." Let such as reason thus hear what Paul says upon the matter. "The body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? and if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? if the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him," and the result is that "there are many members, yet one body;" and therefore the inference of the apostle is, that every member of the Christian Church has to the Church a bounden duty to perform. That duty no one but themselves can perform; and of the responsibility of performing that duty, if they are to be members of a living Church, they cannot divest themselves. Ministers cannot do the work which should be done by elders. Their time, their other duties, their position, will not permit it. Elders cannot do the work which should be done, and can be done, alone by each individual member. There are duties in the household, duties in the workshop, duties in the market, and duties in the field, duties by the sickbed, and duties in the pulpit, which each upon whom they devolve—minister, elder and member—must do, and which no one but themselves can do. The minister can no more do all these duties than the least qualified of his charge could. He can no more do the work that is to be done in each and all of these varied relations than could any member of his congregation, taken at random, expound a difficult passage of Scripture, or preach. "Every man must bear his own burden" of responsibility. No other can relieve him of it, or perform its duties. If there is to be a living Christian community and a living Church, it must have its foundation and its strength in the activity of each individual.

Such are Paul's argument and reasoning in this most important passage. The sum and substance of it is this: Every member of a Christian Church has a real and a living work to do. This work is not merely to plead with Divine grace for personal salvation. It is this, but it is something more than this; it is to place the talents that we possess at the service of Christ and His Church, and the cause of well-doing. It is to accomplish for Christ, in the world and in the Church, all the good that can morally and spiritually be done.

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PRESENTATIONS, SETTLEMENTS, ETC.

ARBROATH.—The congregation of the Abbey Church (Chapel of Ease) Arbroath, on Monday the 29th of June, elected the Rev. Thomas Smith, Bannockburn, to be their pastor.

COCKBURNSPATH.—On Friday the 26th June, the Presbytery of Dunbar met in the church at Cockburnspath, and moderated in a call to the Rev. John M'Grigor Buchanan, as assistant and successor to the Rev. Mr. Paterson.

DUNBOG.—The Presbytery of Cupar met on Friday the 10th July, and inducted the Rev. James Pitt Edgar to the pastoral charge of the church and parish of Dunbog, Fifeshire.

ELGIN.—On Thursday the 25th June, the Presbytery of Elgin ordained the Rev. C. A. Davidson as assistant and successor to the Rev. John Walker, St Andrew's Church.

GLASGOW.—The Rev. A. H. Charteris, late of Newabbey, was, on Thursday the 25th June, inducted to the pastoral charge of Park Church, Glasgow.

GLENBUCKET.—The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. John Bremner to the church and parish of Glenbucket, in the presbytery of Alford, and county of Aberdeen, vacant by the appointment of the Rev. William Gordon as assistant and successor to the Rev. James Drummond, minister of the church and parish of Glenbervie.

NEWABBEY.—The Home Secretary has presented the Rev. J. S. Wilson to the church and parish of Newabbey, near Dumfries, vacant by the translation of the Rev. A. H. Charteris to Park Church, Glasgow.

MOSSGREEN.—On Thursday the 9th July, the Presbytery of Dunfermline met in Mossgreen Church to ordain Mr. Markland Kil-syth, to the pastorate of the church at Moss-green.

PENPONT.—On Thursday the 25th June, the Rev. F. Crombie, A. M., was inducted to the church and parish of Penpont, to which he has been presented by His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, in room of the late Rev. James Graham.

PERTH EAST CHURCH.—The Presbytery of Perth met, on the 9th July, in the East Church, Perth, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting to the pastoral charge of that church and parish the Rev. James Alexander Burdo, late assistant to Dr. Robertson, of the Cathedral Church, Glasgow.—*Church of Scotland Missionary Record.*

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