

INTRODUCTION.

WHAT ails the Church? or, if you will, the churches? To this question some would answer—*Nothing*. Would the reply were as true as it is optimistic. Something is surely amiss—seriously amiss. The churches are the factories in which Christians are supposed to be made: what is the average sample like? Far below the New Testament standard. Witness the deterioration of the savage through contact with the Christian (so-called); and Capital with its heel on the neck of Labor—the Church looking on in silence. Has “the salt lost its savor”? Is the Church faithful to her trust?

The central purpose of the religion Christ left with us was to transmute the human into the divine; to fit men for serving God in heaven by serving Him on earth. And this earthly service is of two quite distinct kinds—a fact lost sight of by the churches to their serious ailment. In their mouths “divine service” just means the Sunday devotions—nothing more. Religion has been divorced from the daily life; and what it