

be, what might we not do, if the sincerely religious men among our laity were only taking the part they ought in the higher and more spiritual departments of the Church's work?

And is it not probably due to this very fact of the general severance between the spiritual work of the Church and the laity, that the church is suffering so seriously from an insufficient supply of fit men for the Sacred Ministry? How few have gone into the ranks of the Christian Priesthood from what are called the better classes in this Diocese—from the families, which for station, education or wealth, form the higher ranks in the social life of our country! This is a very grave matter, and one which calls for the most earnest and persistent efforts on the part of all who have the well-being of the Church and of the country at heart to have it remedied. Why do not the religious parents, especially the religious mothers, among us, give their sons to the sacred ministry? There can only be one of two reasons assigned, either because they do not believe the words of Christ when He sets forth the exalted position, the honors, and the eternal rewards of His faithful Priest;—or because they are not aware of their own influence, their own responsibility for directing their children's hearts this way.

6. And finally, must we not all feel to-day that for success in this great work, we need above all the gift in largest measure of the temper, the spirit of the Son of Consolation, the spirit of goodness,