

or a doctor, or something economically useful. As a rule they pay him less than anybody else with a similar "education" is expected to receive, but, if we regard them as properly or even partially "converted," as much as they think he is worth, if not more. True, some churches pay their pastors what they consider a large salary, but they do it because they desire an attractive preacher, and from much the same motive that they individually pay their cooks unusual wages for serving unusually good meals. Successful revivalists are said to make money and to be the objects of disgust or envy, or both, of clerics who do not desire or do not know how to turn religious services into a circus, and these men should probably be classed not as clerics, but as clowns. These remarks are not made in any spirit of levity or fault-finding, but to show the existing and natural relation between those of the community who make their living by reasoning and those who get it by following a calling which rejects Reason as unnecessary and dangerous.

Reference has been made in this chapter to the censure merited by the "Church" for what it has left undone to stem the tide of Materialism, as well as for what it has done to deepen and strengthen this tide. Of what does this consist? Telling a man that he is a spiritual being and must live forever does him