

THE CHURCH AT WORK.

INTRODUCTION.

THIS department is opened with the cheerful expectation that its more light and immediately practical subject-matter may relieve the weighty discussions which precede. Heavy articles are necessary, and so are lighter and more suggestive ones. The elaboration of great principles is only a means to an end. The useful methods built upon them, the active work that grows out of them, are the end for which they exist. More efficient labor in the Church, better direction of the many hands reaching out for something to do, and multiplying effects in the homes of both the rich and poor, are the proper, natural sequence of the weighty articles to which the pages of this Review are open.

But a department aiming to develop these fruits will be more difficult to prepare than the former. If it be not thoroughly alive it deserves to be extinguished. The heart that loves, and the pulses of hands sensitive to every opportunity, must be felt to throb in every line, or these pages will lumber along as heavily as the most learned reviews, without the same excuse for moving slowly.

The world—the Church—the school—the home—each is full of things worth seeing and worth describing. In each there is daily some occurrence worth telling, and full of inspiration when told. The gathering and arranging of much of this material, that many readers all over the land may feel the benefit, and all churches gather strength from the life of every one, will be the leading aim of the following pages.

This department should represent the vitality of the Church, and be the Christian worker's "exchange." Every one should take an active interest in contributing suggestions based upon