

*CHURCH WORK.*

ST. PAUL tells us in his epistle to the Galatians that as many as have been baptised with Christ have put on Christ.

Next, we read in the first Chapter of the Revelations that Jesus Christ has made His members Kings and priests—or a kingdom of priests—unto God.

Next we gather from the whole tenor of the New Testament that only those who shared Christ's labours shall enter into His rest on that Great Day of Account, when every one of us shall be judged according to his works.

Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest. The members of His Body, male and female, bond and free, clerical or lay, shall therefore be judged as to the manner in which they had wrought with Him in the community of the work of His priesthood.

So far for our responsibility as baptized "members of Christ's Body, of His Flesh, and of His Bones." Now, how far do the laity recognize the tremendous responsibilities of their lay priesthood?

To say nothing of the neglect of so many nominal Churchmen to join with united voice in the public worship, or to preach the gospel publicly therein, by reciting the Creeds, by which the Church has provided for the congregational exercise of

their priesthood; how many are there who neglect to fulfill the duties of this priesthood in their own families or neighborhoods?

How many such priests refuse to join in Holy Communion? How many even forsake the public worship and the Christian Faith altogether!

The laity are responsible, as Christ's priesthood, to extend His Kingdom even to the ends of the earth. This they are to do by clerical substitutes, but, as in time of war, the substitutes are paid by those whose substitutes they are—even so does the Captain of our Salvation expect His lay priests to provide for their clerical substitutes, as His missionaries. How many of the laity half neglect or wholly ignore this tremendous responsibility,—tremendous in view of their accountability as members of Christ's Body at the Last Day.

Thank God, the great revival which for over forty years has been going on in our Church, began, and is successfully going on by teaching in its fulness the doctrine of the Incarnation, which at once proclaims the responsibility of Christ's clerical and lay priests. Just in proportion as the laity recognize their oneness with Christ, just so far does the love of Christ move their heart and constrain them to fulfill their priestly functions largely in Britain, in the United