

glory of God, to the perpetuating of their memory and to the testifying of our thankfulness.

It now remains that we bless and praise God *for them all*.

Anthem or Hymn.

CHANCELLOR.

The memory of the righteous shall remain for evermore.

ANSWER.

And they shall not be afraid of any evil report.

CHANCELLOR.

The Lord be with you.

ANSWER.

And with thy spirit.

CHANCELLOR.

Let us pray. O Lord, we glorify Thee in these Thy servants, our Benefactors, departed out of this present life, beseeching Thee, that, as they, for their time, bestowed charitably for our benefit the temporal things, which Thou didst give them, so we for our time may fruitfully use the same to the setting forth of Thy Holy Word, Thy laud, and praise, and finally, that with those, who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, we may be partakers of Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

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Giving Too Much.

Bishop Whipple says that Bishop Clarkson loved to tell this story: "A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal, gave notice to his congregation, that in the evening an offertory would be taken for missions, and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish well-to-do man in his congregation said to him before the service, 'Yer gwine to kill dis Church ef yer goes on saying give! give! No church can stan' it. Yer gwine to kill it. After the sermon the colored minister said to the people: 'Brother Jones told me I was gwine to kill dis here church ef I kep' a asking yer to give; but my brethren, churches doesn't die dat way. Ef anybody knows of a church dat died, 'cause its been givin' too much to the Lord, I'll be very much obliged ef my brother will tell me whar dat church is, for I'se gwine to visit it, and I'll climb on the walls of dat church, under de llght of de moon, and cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in the Lord.' " "The Church News." (American.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear WESTERN CHURCHMAN,—

I was greatly interested in your article on the question "Why many of our thoughtful laymen do not attend church."

No doubt there are more reasons than one, but undoubtedly one contributing cause is that which you point out, viz.: The need of better preaching from the clergy.

By this we mean, not sensational preaching and noisy ranting; let not this be mistaken for *good* preaching. Nor is it long and learned essays on deep points of divinity; these are admirable in a university chapel, but almost valueless in a general congregation. By good preaching we mean intelligent, helpful, practical thought put before our people brightly and sympathetically, making them hear, and striving to make them learn and understand.

In this sense all our clergy ought to be good preachers; nay more, all our clergy can make themselves good preachers by study and careful endeavor.

The "gifts of teaching" of the Christian ministry are to be fostered and developed, humanly speaking, by two chief means: by the foundation of a thorough college course, and by the perseverance in a life-long habit of theological study. How must we apologize for those clergy, then, who, as you point out, neither lay the necessary theological foundation nor persevere in any system of reading?

We are glad to hear, Sir, that St. John's College is making some effort to provide for its students a post-graduate course in theology. Whilst most of us would agree with you as to the value of university training, it does not of itself qualify men to become teachers of religion. A year devoted exclusively to theological studies is the very least that should be considered necessary. This will give a very fair foundation on which to build our future reading.

Then what can be done to help our clergy to keep up their study? I know the vast amount of secular work that falls to the lot of our country clergy. But I have also known, I am glad to say, some shining examples of men who have made time regularly for systematic theological reading; men who buy judiciously the best new books, men whose library if small is wisely chosen, and best of all, faithfully used. But such men are few.

But that Summer School for Clergy is surely not impossible for us. It would keep alive our interest in study; it would bring us in touch with fresh lines of thought. I had the pleasure of attending the sessions one summer at Oxford in company with another priest of our own diocese. The lectures lasted a fortnight, including one Sunday. Lodgings were provided for the clergy at one of the colleges. Some four or five lecturers formed the backbone of the staff, and gave each a continuous course on some well-chosen subject. In addition to these, other lecturers, specialists in their department, gave one or two lectures each on their own subject. The influence of such