

that she might remove to the gallery. She was a proud woman; it cut her to the quick; but she did take a pew in the gallery. Later, even that became too heavy and expensive, and she was necessitated to give it up. With fatherless sons especially needing a pastor's care, she was obliged to abandon all right to her church. In leaving, she said that she was being driven from the only one who had ever fed her soul, and at a time when she most needed religious comfort. Her pastor answered with a sigh, "O it is altogether wrong, this renting of pews!"

The next instance that came to my notice was that of a clergyman's wife, whose husband had no church of his own. Overworked, worn and weary, she would come to church, to be shown a seat near the door. Too crushed to see anything amiss in this, she would speak to me of the great comfort she derived from coming. "If that be the case," I asked, "why do I see you here so seldom?" "O, I should feel ashamed to come *every* Sunday," she replied. "I could not ask the sexton to show me a pew *every* week. I do not feel that I have any right to attend regularly where I own no pew."

"Young men," I said to some clerks of my grocer, "why do you not attend church?" "We would gladly," they answered, "if we knew where to sit. It is not likely you would allow us to sit with you?" Before consenting, I turned to my family for approval. They were shocked, horrified. It was enough.

—*Parish Visitor.*

"I came to preach the Gospel to the poor."

### EARNESTNESS.

WE live in a stirring age. One in which no enterprise can succeed unless it is entered into with great energy and prosecuted with ceaseless activity. Especially is this true with regard to Church work and religious enterprises.—The Church that does not manifest itself a good degree of zeal and activity will not be likely to effect much—will exert but little influence in a community, especially on the business classes. They will conclude that an enterprise that requires but little enthusiasm, is of but little account. Business men are too shrewd not to observe these things; and anything that is entered into and carried on in a tame and half-hearted way does not command their respect, much less their co-operation.

The minister proclaims from the pulpit, and the members of the Church affirm that all matters connected with religion are of vital importance—vastly transcending in interest all worldly transactions.—And men of the world, hearing this, then seeing members of the Church applying their undivided energies to business—devoting scarcely an hour in the week to the duties which religion and the Church enjoin, lose their confidence in the men and their interest in the operations of the Church.—*Christian at Work.*

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BAPTISM is a Divinely appointed entrance. It is the Door at which we knock for admittance to the Kingdom of God upon Earth.