

integrity are sacrificed to self interest and preferment, and in social life insubordination and infidelity are found in every grade of society." He did not add, as with perfect truthfulness he might have done, that he and the Church he represented had, by loose doctrines and still more easy practices, contributed most largely to bring about this state of things.

From the few facts given above it will be readily seen that the need of the Gospel is urgent. Nothing but the light of God's Word can drive away the darkness which rests upon this land of so many blessings possessed; nothing but the light which shines in the face of Jesus Christ can illuminate and lift up this people, generous and kind-hearted, and to a large extent ready to receive the truth.

Conducting a Church on Modern Lines.

THE Rev. John Watson ("Ian Maclaren") not only finds the Church of to-day in America too secular and given to the worship of material things, but he believes the evangelical churches both here and in England at fault in what he terms their attempt to make the church a sort of social club.



"Is it certain that the socializing of the Church will make her creed and life attractive? If it come to be a competition between the amusements of the Church (or her feasts) and the amusements of the world (and its feasts), is there any sane person who thinks that the Church can win? Like Cæsar, the world offers her magnificent shows; the Church, like Christ, presents the victorious Cross."



"After a slight experience of smart preachers, and Church parlors, and ice-cream suppers, and picnics, one remembers with new respect and keen appreciation the minister of former days, with his seemly dress, his dignified manner, his sense of responsibility, who came from the secret place of divine fellowship, and spake as one carrying