

of this new country when there was more need of the Church than now, to give visibility to the sacred cause of Christianity. Our age is more frankly materialistic than we would wish to see it. There is much unhealthy love of money and pleasure and professional sport, and the tendency of it all is to lower the spiritual atmosphere and chill the fairest blossomings of the soul. The Church needs men, but men ought to be taught that their need of the Church is much greater than the Church's need of them. A moment's serious thinking will satisfy any sane man that no community can afford to dispense with the Church. One can give the following reasons amongst others for this statement:—

1. The Church has an economic value which even the worldly man is quick to understand. The existence of the Church in a community makes business and human life safer. When Dr. Robertson, the great Superintendent of Home Missions, asked a townsit owner in the West for two lots for a Presbyterian Church he was answered somewhat profanely that there was not going to be any church allowed in that town at all. But the townsit owner, who perhaps thought he had some unsophisticated individual to deal with, had mistaken his man. Dr. Robertson said in his quick, decided way:

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