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The small number of Communicants in the Church, of England is surely one of the most melancholy facts in her present history.

When we remember the spiritual virtue which, by our Lord's appointment, attaches especially to the Sacrament of His body and blood, we may well lament and tremble for that *great majority* of professed members of our Church who never partake of it. I am afraid that we of the Clergy are often faint-hearted in exhorting men to come to this precious Ordinance. I am afraid that we are getting to accept, as though it were necessary, the fact that the young, the strong, the busy, the specially-tempted, the worried, almost universally stay away. But be this as it may, some grievous misunderstanding of the nature and obligations of the Holy Sacrament is undoubtedly fastening itself upon our people, and keeping them from the Table of the Lord.

These Sermons are published with the prayer, that by them some at least of those for whom Christ died may be brought to understand His last bequest better, and to accept it more gratefully.

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