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SEVEN ECONOMIC BURRS

I.

Work for Christ and men is God's scientific prescription for love of Christ and men.

II.

God blesses men who serve, as He does not bless men who are served. Some men do tasks in order to do them their way. Such save the way—and rob some worker of God's blessing.

III.

The men of a parish are like locomotives in a railroad yard. Evangelists and firemen may kindle fires in fireboxes, but there are no dividends until there are definite plans and work—tracks and engineers.

IV.

The Church long ago learned to add up money. Now it is learning to add up men.

V.

It is the task of ministers to make men see; of laymen to make men do. Laymen may take up either task, but many feel they ought not to take up the "see," and leave the "do" undone.

VI.

A man doesn't pray for,
Things he doesn't pay for.

VII.

Coming is getting, and getting without giving is death. Going is growing, and growing with giving is life.



THE TEXT OF THIS
TEXTBOOK

Neither do men light a
candle and put it under a
bushel, but on a candlestick,
and it giveth light unto all
that are in the house.



FOREWORD

BY THE RT. REV. CHARLES S. BURCH, D.D.

Christ's Economy is an earnest and sincere effort to place before the laymen of the Christian Church practical ideals and methods by which the almost limitless and largely unutilized lay power of the Christian world may be set in motion for larger achievement for Christ's Kingdom on earth.

The book aims to reveal the scientific management which the author, with no little force and clearness, maintains that Jesus Christ used in its fulness in His earthly effort to plant and nourish the seeds of His Church in the world of men.

The book is, as the author states, not a recital of the shortcomings of the Church, but a virile argument for a closer and more loyal adherence to the means and methods employed by our Lord "in turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just"—in extending His royal sway in the hearts of His children.

Christ's economy of method, His saving of wastage in lay power, the divine immediacy of all His effort for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom—those potent spiritual and material forces which no one of us dares minimize—Mr. Camp, with evident sincerity, believes have been and are still all too largely overshadowed and neglected.

I, who have been asked to write this Foreword,

can but agree with this main contention of the author, can but respond to this dominant note running through the author's work, can but appreciate the cogency of Mr. Camp's argument that only when men come to recognize the necessity of the "lost half of the Gospel"—the *going* and the *doing* as well as the *coming* and the *seeing*—will men come into the full light and meaning of what the Son of Man came to earth to accomplish.

The chapter on "Leadership and Followship" is particularly to be commended for its excellent suggestions and sane counsel, as is the treatment of those most important phases of the book, "Church Extension" and "Making Use of Laymen." The chapters treating of religious effort in rural districts will be found helpful to those interested in this most difficult phase of the Church's life and effort.

Christ's Economy will stir and stimulate even those readers who may find themselves unable to agree with many of the author's conclusions.

As one who knows, I bear testimony to the fact that some work entered upon by laymen of New York, of whom the author is one, on lines of Christ's economy—putting what the author calls Christ's scientific management to the actual test—has attained a large measure of permanent success.

Mr. Camp has enjoyed a wide experience in the field of lay effort. As an active Christian worker, as the head of a long-established bureau for the dissemination of religious news, as editor, author, organizer and speaker in many regions of Christian endeavor, the writer of Christ's Economy has

gathered to himself an equipment for the production of this book such as relatively few laymen may claim.

In ending this brief and inadequate Foreword, I desire to express the help and stimulus that have come to myself in reading and again re-reading the advance sheets of the book which I hope will win a large and continuing list of readers.

CHARLES S. BURCH.

Easter Even, 1916.