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IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE SET FORTH THREE THINGS, ALL WHOLLY NEW OR, AS IS BELIEVED, MARKED ADVANCE ON EVERYTHING HERETOFORE GIVEN—

- 1. RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MATERIAL WORK OF THE CHURCH, AS TAUGHT BY JESUS CHRIST;
- 2. DEFINITE SUGGESTIONS FOR WORTH-WHILE CHRISTIAN WORK BY MEN OF CHURCH PEWS; AND
- 3. PRACTICAL PLANS FOR THE FUNCTIONING AND SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF THE MATERIAL WORK OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHURCH.

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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.

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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.