The Church as a Business Institution

There is a great difference in the church of today and the church of the long ago. In the days when the Puritan fathers walked to service through the snow, with their guns on their shoulders, with eyes ever on the alert for the face of a red man, and up until recent years the minister was engaged by the people, at no fixed salary, each man paying as much as he could toward his support. If one member could not afford to give, the money would be put into a sack of flour, or something equally as useful. No member was pledged to give a certain amount. It was often embarrassing for a minister to have to stand in his own particular pulpit and throw broad hints at some brother who was tardy in his donations. Yet that was very often the case. The affairs of the church were run in a stipulated way.

Perhaps though the ministers then were just as earnest in their exhortations as the ministers of today and the Christians equally devout as the ones of the present time.

But the church of today as a general proposition is run as a business institution. Of course there are a great many small churches running in the old-fashioned way still.

The pastor of a large church in a city near Lincoln usually receives from $3,000 to $5,000 a year, and the salaries of local ministers run all the way from $300 to that figure.

The soliet is usually paid two or three dollars a Sunday; if exceptionally good, she receives five. Each year each of the members makes a pledge to give as much toward the church that year. In this way the treasurer can form a fair idea of how much money the church will have in its treasury for disbursement.

Many of this money goes to the different benevolent organizations and missionary societies. And if they don't have enough, or about $7,000 for local expenses, etc. It costs about $500 to heat the church, and about $200 for lights. Sometimes an organist is engaged who agrees to supply a choir—in that case he is paid a salary, out of which he pays the members of the choir. On the other hand, in some churches, he supplies no choir, thus receiving a salary for himself alone. A janitor is a necessary, and in a large one he costs 500 a year. In many smaller churches the salary is but nominal. In the larger churches there are others to show you a seat, and as such, he is paid in other ways, but such services are gratuitous.

St. Paul's church is the largest in the city, and the yearly expense is about $8,000. This is not only the largest church building in the city, but there are more varied branches of church work conducted by it, than any other church in the city. Church expenses run from $3,000 a year down as low as 500, for the smaller churches, where such services have two or three charges.

There is a tendency at the present time to run the churches on a more business like method.

Lincoln has long been conceded to be the railroad, political and educational center of the state. It is well known that it is the most healthful place, and it is well known that what might be called the medical center also, an honor long held by Omaha.

This fact is peculiarly accentuated by the fact, doubts unknown to a great many people, that out at Eleventh and South streets, a great, mammoth hospital, three-quarters of a block in length, is nearing completion.

A dozen years ago there were but two hospitals in Lincoln, a Catholic institution, and Tabitha, backed by several local physicians.

These places were small, were their staffs. Delicate and complicated cases were infrequent because the country doctors from whom most of the hospital practice is obtained, preferred to send their patients to Omaha, where bigger hospitals and staffs were available.

Tabitha, in a few years was another, and now occupied South Eleventh street in the town. In this little hospital, the test of many cases have been tried, and a number of the hospital staffs are of the greatest reputation. But, the hospital is not a local hospital, although the staff is of the greatest, the hospital is not a local hospital, although the staff is of the greatest reputation. These things, the benefits and services which these hospitals give to the country, make the country doctors feel that about handling serious cases, do the hospital. It is the city to the country where he once may have the benefit of the knowledge of a corps of skilled doctors on this side of a specklet.

Physicians as a rule consulted about a severe ailment requiring an operation do not do like to assume the responsibility alone; and besides, the advantage to be gained by conferring with other members of the profession is helpful in coming to a closer de as to its merits. We can see the reason for this at the Lincoln medical profession, there are number of excellent physicians present, but limited facilities at hand for the difficult and delicate operations. These institutions have a corps of experienced and skilled physicians, and on their staffs we may call to the men who need their services. Aside from the numerous surgical and medical rooms and apparatus, any person of experience could tell you a good story about these institutions. The Lincoln medical profession is a young man, for the re more facilities and the operating room is a very large affair. The boy afterwards室 said that our community has been improved, and the most interesting feature of the operating room is that it was planned to be absolutely airtight. One day an opera was washed off, which same cannot be said of the lamps as advertised at other stores in the city. We call particular attention to our line of celebrated "argent" colors, made by the originator, Koen of Paris, France, and bases and bases are gold plated. A deep, rich Cerise of perfect color, and ranging in price from $3.00, $5.45, $4.25, $5.50, $9.95, to $17.50. The display is well worth a visit, and should be seen by all intending lamp purchasers.

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150 Different Styles—The largest stock of Lamps shows west of Chicago. This is on exhibition at our store this week. Over 100 numbers every one different, can be seen in our elegant west window show, ranging in price from $1.00 to $175.00. Every decoration is fired, and is expected to be absolutely airtight. One day an opera was washed off, which same cannot be said of the lamps as advertised at other stores in the city. We call particular attention to our line of celebrated "argent" colors, made by the originator, Koen of Paris, France, and bases and bases are gold plated. A deep, rich Cerise of perfect color, and ranging in price from $3.00, $5.45, $4.25, $5.50, $9.95, to $17.50. The display is well worth a visit, and should be seen by all intending lamp purchasers.

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