

FROM

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My dear Sir,

It was a real pleasure to me three days ago to receive your interesting letter, with the steady and gradual - or "practical" is a better word - views of which I decidedly agree. But I do think this last work of yours will exercise such an influence upon intelligent and un-biased Christian men, as will win over <sup>more</sup> many, and strengthen a large number in the Church to which I belong - Episcopalian - in what they have already been doing, really in the same direction. I need not specify to so well-informed a man as yourself to what work (or work, rather, <sup>prefer</sup>) at Oxford Cambridge - & even more, in the dark regions of London - in New York and in Boston - and now all over the State, we are very important field - young men, mostly of the wage-earning Class - by the S. Andrew's Brotherhood, the strongest Chapter of which, <sup>here</sup> is connected with the little Church, the

Rector and Senior Warden of which were my pupils before going to College. It is all practical Christianity, not dogmatic or sectarian in itself. In the <sup>N.Y.</sup> "Churchman" of three weeks a full tribute was paid to the quiet work of our Rector and his Congregation.

In a limited degree I will take care that your "Mervale Eastman" shall be brought to the special notice of some of our Bishops and leading Clergymen and laymen, and, with that object, I would ask you or your publishers, to send a copy to the Rev. Phillips Brooks D.D. of Trinity Church here (who is a personal friend of many years) and the Rev. George J. Prescott, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, or to his wife, who is a very intelligent and energetic lady, a true helpmeet to her husband and takes a very energetic, but quiet part in all the work of the Parish. My wife and I had a talk with her today about "Mervale Eastman". The second letter startled her a little, but she became very much interested after a while. My own good wife has been to me what yours has been to you, though <sup>she</sup> is a very quiet home-keeping woman - but her words are valued by many, who are more prominent and perhaps ambitious - Such ~~are~~ wives are among the greatest of blessings to their husbands and

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to the good of society — and such women as  
not. I venture to think, those who are em-  
-ulous of publicity, — will be among the  
most effective helpers of true practical  
Christian Socialism. Excuse my offering  
the suggestion made above. I am not  
by any means rich, as I would ere  
now, have bought several copies to  
give to sons and the elder of our many  
grandchildren. Some of them <sup>perhaps</sup> have, at  
my suggestion already bought copies.  
and see — Mr. Alexander C. H. (General  
Superintendent of the United Gas Improve-  
-ment Co. The Drexel Building, Philadelphia)  
is giving what leisure time he can spare  
to reading and thinking of ours. He is a  
well proven practical Christian man.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

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When you think the proper time has arrived I  
certainly think you are the man to take the  
the organization