HEALEY R. E. (Rev) of Tibberton - Will 1933

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CRITICISM OF CHURCH.

VICAR'S "POOR WAGES."

Criticism of the Church of England for its treatment of the Clergy appears in the will of Rev. R. E. Healey, of Odlham, Hampshire, who, regretting that he could not make bequests to certain individuals and organisations, wrote: "My average stipend during 38 years was £300. My socalled livings cost me £100 a year out of my small patrimony."

Church people, as a rule, allow the parochial clergy not only to serve them on very poor warges, but expect them to support financially the parish Church and every parish institution. It is also required that the parsonage itself to be maintained at the paron's expense should be the home of hospitality. "Church folk' generally prefer a married parson and expect him both to support his family and provide for his widow."

Mr. Healey, who has been rector of Lower Crumpsall, Manchester; vicar of St. Thomas', Coventry and rector of Tibberton; Gloucestershire, left £6026.

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