

UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION

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PAID AND UNPAID AGENTS.

BY REV. J. A. ANDERSON. The other day, a prominent and influential agent of the Christian Commission expressed himself to the effect that the agents of the Sanitary Commission, in being hired, only felt called upon to work so many hours per day, and at a slow gate per hour; while the agents of the Christian Commission work for nothing save love for the soldier, and, by consequence, infused more soul and vim into their labors than do the paid men of the Sanitary Commission.

It is somewhat singular that when any given objection against the Sanitary Commission reaches us from one section of the country, it is speedily heard of from many and distant sections—which suggests to us that somebody takes pains to spread the objection, and as this allegation is coming up from different quarters, it deserves a moment's attention.

The qualifications of an agent are found in his heart, mind, and body—not in his purse; and are neither lessened by his acceptance of a stipend, nor increased by his rejection of a stipend. The question of compensation has nothing to do with his fitness as an agent; neither is he by the reception of pay debared, in the most remote degree, from acting upon the broadest principles of humanity, nor from being impelled by the truest motives of strong-pulsing charity.

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