

ould not be averse to accepting help provided it were in the form of a loan. We have no intention to criticize the good purpose of the promoters of this religious pawnshop; but we cannot help feeling that it is a dangerous experiment. There are thousands of people in the world to-day who would be ashamed to be seen going into a regular pawnshop, and who consequently avoid them. Let once one of these people gets over the first attempt to pawn, once the practice is inculcated by the church organization, there is no longer any barrier of shame to keep him from frequenting the pawnbroker's shop. The transition is so easy that we need not insist on this dangerous phase of the matter.