

one of its most difficult and important tasks. What is the social problem? In the first place it breaks on analysis into a number of problems more or less closely related. It involves what is generally known as the industrial problem, which again divides into a number of evils such as child labor, the antagonism of labor and capital with the dire consequences that it entails, injustice in the distribution of the rewards of industry and other matters similar in nature. Civic unrighteousness constitutes one of its important elements. The social problem, too, relates to the sad condition of the hordes of immigrants that come to us from countries whose level of civilization is below that to which we have attained. Another of its features is slum life where there is degradation and suffering and a deadened moral sense. To these problems, then, the church must give more attention. If it does so it will prove its concern for the vital essentials of religion and begin the process of emancipation from empty forms. It is within the power of the church to voice opinion against the employment of children in factories, and other features of the industrial side of the social problem. It is within the power of the church to convert the immigrant into a useful citizen. Other agencies or organizations may fight these defects in society but the appeal of the church is most powerful. If the social problem is to be solved the ministers of various denominations with the forces at their command must lead the movement against the evils that are its source.

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### *Editorial Notes.*

On the day of Queen's-McGill game in Montreal many complaints were heard about the condition of the McGill campus. Of course all allowance is made for the impossibility of preventing the fall of rain that marked the day, but in the morning before the rain began the campus was unfit for football. It is impossible to play anything but a heavy, close game on a field that has poor sod and imperfect drainage. We have never seen the McGill campus in good condition. Our rugby team in the future should prepare for the massed style of play before games in Montreal. A team with fast halves and light outsides is almost sure to find the condition of McGill campus a handicap that it will be unable to overcome. In so far as the defects we have suggested in the campus are due to natural causes that cannot be overcome we recognize of course that nothing can be done. It remains a fact, however, that the McGill football field is perennially bad.

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The Journal begs to acknowledge the receipt of invitations from the committees in charge the Freshman's Reception and the Science Dinner. We value these invitations, not because they represent a form of graft, but because they appear to indicate that the Journal is recognized as having a part in college life.

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We are sorry that the meetings of the Alumni Conference do not extend over a month. The excellent lectures and papers that are given on a wide