

SOME startling articles have been written lately on the present condition of the Anglican Church in Canada, notably one in the *Church Times* of July 22nd, based upon an article in the *Church Magazine* of Philadelphia. It is held in these articles that the Church has allowed herself to be outdistanced and outflanked in every direction by other Christian bodies, which originally in all respects were inferior to her. That there is much truth in what is said in these articles no candid Churchman of Canada with the facts before his eyes can deny. Causes for the trouble are given, and unfortunately one party in the church seems to accuse the other of being the cause and vice versa. Many reasons in addition to those mentioned in the articles referred to might be given, but *cui bono*? Let the facts before the Church be faced as they are now. What is needed is work. The active Church can alone progress. Let the clergy behold in themselves the leaders of the work which has to be done, and let their activity be seen by the people and a better state of things will soon ensue. People who are busy soon allow all differences to subside. The Church is by no means in a forlorn condition in this country. She has great strength, especially in the cities and towns, strength which other religious bodies would be glad to have. Let her use it—let her use it in missionary zeal and apostolic work and all will yet be well. How many will put their shoulder to the wheel, resolved not only to recover lost ground, but to stretch onward to that high and noble position which the Church of our forefathers is pre-eminently fitted to occupy?

THE CANADIAN CHURCH UNION.

To the Editor Canadian Church Magazine :

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly allow the "Canadian Church Union" a short space in your valuable journal, to report to its numerous members and friends the progress it is making? It was only organized in January last, and then but by a very few of our zealous laymen associating themselves together to further the interests of the Church. The result of their humble effort has far exceeded what could have possibly been expected for it in so short a time. Advantage was taken by the Union of the meeting of the Dominion Board of Missions, to present an address to them, which was most graciously received and responded to. The deputation that waited on the Board were very gratified at the words of encouragement from the Bishop of Algoma, as Chairman, and R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C., of Kingston, who strongly advocated the claims of the association from a layman's standpoint. On the 21st of April, the first public meeting of the Canadian Church Union was held in the Cronyn Hall, in this city, when able addresses were given, more particularly on the subject of the federation of the whole Church of British North America. Many of the speakers greatly encouraged the laymen for the part they had taken in organizing such a Union for the pro-

motion of the work of the Church. Full particulars of the proceedings at this meeting were published at length in the *London Free Press* of 23rd of April, and thousands of copies circulated in all parts of the Dominion, and can still be furnished, with the Constitution, by applying to the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Imlach, of London. This free circulation has resulted in a large amount of correspondence of a most encouraging nature from all parts of the Dominion, especially on the great question of uniting the whole Church, which received its first impetus by the passing of a resolution and appointing a committee to consider the whole subject by the Provincial Synod in September last, and also a resolution introduced by the Metropolitan inviting the Metropolitan and Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land to consider the subject of establishing closer relations with the Church of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. This latter resolution, by most satisfactory reports from Winnipeg, has been well received by both leading clergymen and laymen strongly advocating some form of unity for the Church in the Dominion, and a resolution to that effect will be introduced into that Provincial Synod at its meeting next month. Similar resolutions have been passed in other dioceses. The shortness of the session of our own Synod (Huron) prevented such resolution passing with us, but we had the satisfaction of hearing our Bishop express himself as being favorable to the unity of the Church of British North America.

It would be impossible, in the space we could expect in your journal, to quote from the many valuable and encouraging communications the Union has received from nearly every diocese, urging us forward in this good work. In an able article on the Federation of the Church, that appeared in a leading Winnipeg paper, the writer says: "This society has performed valuable work in the interests of Federation. It has secured members from all parts of Canada, held meetings where Federation was prominently discussed, and has scattered thousands of fly-sheets over the Dominion advocating this union of the Church." Many of the clergy and laity write us: "It is just the kind of society the Church wants." One reverend friend says of us: "It is the only sign I have seen in Canada of any sound opposition to the supremacy of Rome."

A few words as to our method of working. We have a good, energetic executive committee, that meets every two weeks. Monthly meetings of the members are also held, when reports of progress, &c., are read and considered. We are now preparing, and have the promise of many leading clergymen and laymen, for a regular course of lectures at these monthly meetings, during the fall and winter, on subjects of Church history, work required to be done by the laity, and such subjects. We are about appointing a committee to devote especial interest to further Sunday School work.

We have only been able to give a very short