

this pseudonym is not to be connected with the actor of Stratford named "Shakspeare," whose historicity nobody denies. Mr. Lang's defence of the Orthodox belief on the subject should be a sufficient answer to the unbelievers.

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The October number of *MacLean's Magazine* contains an editorial in answer to criticism of excerpts from *Hampton's* in an earlier issue, arraiging the Church for the alleged inconsistency of its financial methods. The basis of the arraignment lies in the use by the church of large sums for the maintenance of foreign missions while many ministers at home are sadly underpaid. The editor in his defence of this argument overlooks the fact that Christianity is by nature, a missionary religion, and that experience proves the advantage to the home church of the support it renders to foreign work. While it may be true that "seven hundred dollar salaries are an invitation to weak men," yet many a poorly paid minister would not be classed as a weak man if he were in another occupation, and the weak men whom the church suffers most from are those for whom a comfortable salary is the chief interest. While the increase of salaries at home is urgently needed, it must not be attempted at the expense of the progress of foreign work. A living church is always a missionary church, and when it is ready to content itself with financing its local enterprises, it will never attract leaders who possess vision and zeal.

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In the *Twentieth Century* for September, Rev. J. R. Perkins has a rather interesting though rather unsatisfactory article on the subject "Socialism in the Churches." The writer discovers Socialism flourishing in the church and being preached from many pulpits. As Socialism is a name for a wide range of ideas, we are left a little in doubt as to precisely what is meant by the statements made. Mr. Perkins leaves some ambiguity about his own position, and his disparagement of the "new heresy" as he terms the Socialistic trend, is couched in terms that might read in an ironical sense. His prophecy that old lines of denominational differences will be lost,