

long hours, uncertainty of employment, bad houses, bad food, bad clothes, lack of leisure, of education, of wholesome recreation, is felt to be a reproach and a sorrow which ought to have some remedy. The moued classes too, often use the poor without care, except for what they can get out of them. The duty of the Church then is to sympathize with the same suffering humanity, which gives the Socialist grounds of complaint, and to bring Christian principles to bear upon the rich, to remember they are in trust only with their property and opportunities to use them with mercy and justice humbly before God, who will bring them to account, and that all should be ready to unite in efforts to alleviate the miseries incidental to unlimited competition. In harmony with such efforts would, indeed, be the Christian precept "Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

### *CANADIAN CHURCH UNION.*

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At a meeting of churchmen, held in the Cathedral schoolroom on Monday February 6th, a branch of the above Union was formed for the Diocese of Columbia. The headquarters of the Society is in London, Ontario, and it has the sympathy of the Bishops of the Church throughout Canada. Its aim is the Union of the Laity throughout the Dominion, believing that union means strength, and its objects are set forth as follows:

1. To invite Laymen to take a greater interest in the work of the Church.
2. To work towards the union of the various Dioceses in Canada, so as to form one Canadian branch of the Catholic Church.
3. To disseminate information as to the scriptural origin and the general history of the church.
4. To promote meetings of churchmen for the discussion of matters pertaining to the interests and extension of the Canadian Church.

A large amount of business was transacted and the branch set afoot on a thoroughly satisfactory basis with the following officers:

President	-	-	-	Mr. J. H. Innes.
Vice-President	-	-	-	Mr. A. Scroggs.
Hon. Sec.	-	-	-	Mr. J. Hawkins.
Hon. Treas.	-	-	-	Mr. A. Ridgman.

#### COMMITTEE.

Messrs. B. Boggs, J. Williams, E. Rendell.  
Chaplain, Rev. W. W. Bolton.

Meetings for members and their friends will be held the first Monday in each month, at 8 p. m. at the Cathedral