

are born with inequalities in size, weight, physical strength, moral traits and intellectual capacity, and forthwith they go astray from each other, and this in defiance of everything you may do to prevent it. And, in any after struggle for equality, nature will prove too strong, or too asinine, for all your artificial arrangements.

Some would bridge the chasm which separates Dives from Lazarus.

BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

If the unscrupulous agitator can get a majority into parliament, pledged to unrighteous methods, honest men may be plundered by legal force, as well as by highwaymen. Dick Turpinism will triumph, and the spoils will go to the victors. From this might come the paradise of labor; but capital, with its embarrassments and losses, would emigrate to more genial climes, and leave us with smokeless chimneys. Thus, in avoiding the scylla of personal freedom, we should fall into the charybdis of organized oppression. This is not impossible. But it can be avoided if the Church will take hold of the Labor Question and guide it by the sound and safe humanitarian principles of the gospel.

And this is not unworthy of her noble and divine calling. It is neither

to her interests, nor to the interests of the Saviour's kingdom, that she should be silent and inactive in this struggle. Tyranny, greed, and raciality will not reform themselves. They must be reached and reformed from above, and by those who have truth, purity and right at heart. Here is a field of usefulness, undreamt of half a century ago, and woe to us if we shirk our responsibilities. If we can only convince these sufferers of the need and possibilities of self-help, we shall do something. So long as gambling, drunkenness, and many other costly dissipations, are indulged in, so long will the idle and vicious covet other people's goods. Without character the most ideal institutions will fail. The Great Governor of the Universe has his plans for the betterment of our race. But this does not mean that we should abandon our ideals—rather that we should cherish them and find in them inspiration for self-denying toil. The aims which mock the control of our puny fingers will bend, groaning, at the touch of an Almighty hand. Let it be seen that Christianity is implacably opposed to all selfishness and tyranny,—that its ministry is not completed when it stands as a sorrowful and consolatory attendant on the miseries of the