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TO OUR READERS.—We want a reliable person in every parish in the Dominion, to get subscribers for the Canadian Churchman. Write at once for particulars, giving references.

LABOUR AND CAPITAL is always a "ticklish" subject to handle—never more so than at present. Labour has a right to protect itself, and capital is bound to respect labour's interests; but something seems to have been overdue of late. Some blame the strikes for demoralizing trade. They are rather apt, if carelessly managed, to dislocate and interfere with the natural laws of "demand and supply." The balance is sometimes lost, and sensitive capital withdraws its ventures—it cannot afford to pay such interest as wages demand. Mutual forbearance and consideration are needed. There should be a Board of Arbitration between them.

FIVE HUNDRED AMERICAN BANKS or other financial institutions have "gone under" lately, because of the disorganization of the money market. Canada, so far, seems to be safe and not in much danger, but should now "from others' faults correct her own"—if she has any! Our banks are said to be phenomenally careful. Is it possible to be too much so—so that depositors will find another plan for safe keeping and higher interest or more accommodation? The error is apparently now—if there be any—"on the right side," and our people will be wise to use all possible patience with the guardians of their funds.

SISTERHOODS are coming into favour "hand over hand." The best testimony to the force of the movement is the revival of the female diaconate as a kind of safeguard or effect. But they are, essentially, one and the same thing under different names, and with different detail. The great English sisterhoods—All Saints', Clew, Grinstead, Wantage, Kilburn—have hundreds of "works of mercy" (orphanages, schools, etc.) under their charge; and the fifteen American orders are rapidly spreading,

multiplying and enlarging their borders. A great want is being filled.

"HIS HEAD IN CHANCERY."—So an American Church puts Archdeacon Farrar's present condition after his attack on what he calls the 'Ritualistic clergy.' Canon Knox-Little, for one, has administered some premonitory cuts in the *Guardian* recently—heralds, like the "few drops" that announce the coming castigation. The craze for meddling and muddling which some men exhibit was never more highly developed than in this English "dignitary"—minus dignity! He has apparently put his foot in it this time beyond his power of extrication, however much he may wriggle.

TWO PROVINCIAL SYNODS are only a repetition of that English precedent of *two convocations* which makes the action of the Church National so awkward and unwieldy. It required the Pan-Anglican Conference to give an impetus to unity both in England, Canada and elsewhere throughout the Anglican world. The impulse so given should be kept up. It does not matter much about the possession of legislative functions: advisory and consultative action is enough. The "moral effect" would be a clear gain upon our present position, without the exercise of legislative compulsion.

BISHOPS IN COUNCIL are a noble and reverend sight, and their voice is one that no one would fail to respect. Still—if feasible—a combination of the sacerdotal and lay elements, the *corona presbyteri* at least by representation, is very effective and very desirable. Even in General Councils the lower orders of clergy were not without their use and effect in olden times. But this is not a General Council—only a conference (occasionally, only, perhaps) of our two Provincial Synods. The matter demands more careful consideration than it has yet had, before public opinion is well ripened: and Bishop Hamilton has done well to keep it alive.

SWIMMING is an exercise too little appreciated and practised. The horrible background of the late "Victoria" disaster has revealed one element as a great practical mistake in the grand discipline of the English navy. Large numbers of the subordinate hands (stokers, etc.,) are helpless in the water, however effective on it. The proposal, therefore, to make ability to swim at least 500 yards a *sine qua non* for admission to the naval service is to be considered. If all the "Victoria" men had been able to do this, many valuable lives would have been saved. People living on the water—on the water's edge—should all be able to swim, float, and dive. Canadians, take notice.

CANADIAN WEATHER is an unfailing topic of conversation and congratulation on account of its "even tenor" and wonderful "beauty." Our people feel that, whatever disadvantages they may have—and such are hard to find—there cannot be any climate more uniformly delightful. It is difficult to say which is the most pleasant season. Even winter—whose very name makes the Englishman shiver by his grate-fire—is full of exhilaration and enjoyment, as well as comforts. Spring is too brief—that is the only fault. Summer is so delicious that it seems to fly by us. Autumn is simply glorious in its rich golden ripeness of beauty.

THE CANADIAN CHURCH receives deserving and proper consideration in the long and serious letter of the Bishop of Niagara—whose views and judgment every one regards with respect—but we question whether the outcome of the proposed General Synod of Canada would not be more beneficial for the Church at large on this continent than the present headless condition of our machinery. It requires some such assembly or regular conference to give finish to the whole system of Synods and draw the various corps of the Church to a central point of force.

VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE.—Men make a great mistake when they assume and act as if the Creator were careless about the manner in which they use their bodies. He gave us bodies, as well as minds and hearts and souls, and He expects us to respect and reverence all His gifts—they are *alike* His. He has told us that "the Sabbath was made for man,"—a very striking phrase—and His argument was that it should be used for the benefit even of man's bodily parts. Hunger should be appeased, disease healed—to a reasonable extent—even on the Sabbath day. We should guard every moment of our bodily existence lovingly.

"CATHOLICISM AND SATOLICISM" is the very apt title of an editorial in the N. Y. *Churchman* dealing with the "kettle of fish" now seething in the neighboring republic, among our *semper eadem* brethren, of the Roman persuasion. They are "at sixes and sevens" in a very unedifying fashion, and to a degree that must be alarming. It looks as if one of those internal schisms or disruptions which mark their history in Europe were about to develop itself on this side of the Atlantic. "Pressure" is all very fine, and so is organization: but when overdone they produce eruptions quite volcanic in force and effect.

POWERS OF NATURE are always closely watched by those who have to make their calculations and speculations on the basis of *Canadian crops*. A shower of rain at the right moment is worth millions to the country: a frost at the critical periods is a calamity against which the whole country should pray. So the Almighty makes us feel constantly how completely we are "in the hollow of His hand." If He should omit to make this occasional proclamation of control over nature, we should begin to forget how utterly we depend upon His provision for our needs.

LADIES FOR SALE!—The *Christian Advocate* is greatly exercised over the latest development of the "Epworth League" business. On 17th January they "auctioned off as per advertisement, 40 beautiful ladies, and the gentleman who bids the highest will escort and partake of a sumptuous repast, which will be prepared for the occasion. One of the most enjoyable times of the season is anticipated." When we criticised, last year, a Western dodge of selling religious (?) kisses for 25 cts. per kiss, we thought we had reached about the "lowest deep" of this kind of thing: but this—!

CANADIAN CHURCHMEN would do well to use some self-examination on the subject of certain paragraphs which are going the rounds about Church newspapers. The *Living Church* had, as we recently noted, carefully calculated that only about