

Editor's Page

Social Service

More and more, people of all denominations and of none, are coming to see that Christianity, to be practical, must result in social service. This branch of the Christian Church may be noted for its evangelism, and that branch for its ritualism or claim to authority, but in church and state alike the ultimate question is: "Of what service towards healthful and ideal life?"

It was refreshing to see such a representative gathering of "live" churchmen on the platform of the Social Service Council meetings held in Vancouver on 20th November. Ere the meetings closed the President for the past year (Principal Vance of Latimer Hall) gave place to the new President in the person of Father O'Boyle. Representatives of the Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches and of the Labor Unions, were also prominent on the platform.

The addresses given before the Council at both afternoon and evening sederunts were of a high order, and most of them might well be embodied in a fuller record than that usually possible in the crowded columns of the daily press.

The programme of the Social Service Council is unsectarian, and non-partisan politically, and as their platform is, in the main, that which all social reformers must endorse, no doubt the influence of this body in the community will continue to increase.

Why Not Make Offices of Mayor and Aldermen Honorary?

Canadian citizens who come originally from other parts of the Empire will readily admit that there are many things in Canada which the Homelands might emulate with advantage. It is equally true, however, that young countries, like young people, may profit not a little by the experience of their seniors, though in each case they may not be ready to learn till they have first experimented in ways of their own.

In many cities in other parts of the Empire Councillors are elected by the citizens regardless of political party, and because of individual integrity and business ability. Usually it is only after Councillors have been tested in that office and then served as Aldermen (or Bailies) that they become eligible for election to the chief and most honorable chair of Lord Provost or Mayor. Why not adopt such a course in Vancouver?

The suggestion is the more timely in view of the method of economy introduced at the eleventh hour of its existence by the present