

direction. There cannot be any doubt that it was the fervent wish of the writer to aid the clergy in battling with those evils which battle with all that is best and truest in man ; but we regret the feeling that he has not altogether succeeded ; he has centred attention on the mere description of the evils ; but this was a less important part of his subject, less important for instruction, inasmuch as they are universally acknowledged. The facts of poverty, impurity, and intemperance, are only too familiar to nearly all the clergy. The Archbishop has painted in vivid colours the lifelong wretchedness of suffering populations, the dangers of impurity, the vast proportions of intemperance ; but no word painting could arouse the sympathies so effectually as the sight of these sores, and plague-spots of humanity, met with in all pastoral visitation. He states with much truth that "there certainly is no drier fact within the ken of human beings and Christians than the Chancellor of Germany's blunt words express — 'There *is* a social question. Something *wants* doing.' But what does it mean if you clothe the word with the thought of the fibre and nerve of humanity, the tension of souls, the darkening of spirits, that underlies that 'wants doing'?"

Yes, this is the point to which attention must be directed with all the earnestness demanded by so grave a problem. In the first place let us see

WHAT IS NOT TO BE DONE.

His Grace, when treating of "Suffering Populations," commences by telling us what is *not* to be done. Of the "remedies conceived" we are told that "Of course, some are not just or peaceful ; conscience will never set seal to them. Some assume that men may rightly or wisely, 'to do a great right, do a little wrong ;' some pronounce the 'little wrong' to be no wrong, but a righting of wrongs ; some are willing to make, as they think, one plunge more themselves into the worst wrong-doing of the past they condemn, hoping to find themselves, after a deluge of crime, in a land of equality and content." So far as poverty is concerned, we have here a fair warning where failure will face us. As regards "purity," or