

aspect of the industrial problems, wise and helpful counsels will be found in the report.

The other aspect of these problems concerns those classes of the community who are, above all others, commended by our Lord to the loving care of His disciples, the poor. It is undeniable that poverty is so far from being regarded as a hindrance to the acceptance of the Gospel, that it is, on the contrary, the rich as such who are warned that they will find serious difficulty in entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Still the poor have temptations and troubles from which the rich are comparatively free. To give help in such temptations and to lessen these troubles is one of the special duties of the Christian. Of all the duties that our Lord has imposed on us, none can be said to stand higher than this; but while it is one of the most imperative, it is also one of the most difficult. It is certain that no permanent good can be done to those who find the daily struggle for subsistence very severe, unless they themselves will join in the work. But the perpetual temptation of their lives is to throw off their burdens and expect to obtain aid without any exertion on their own part. Many, perhaps the great majority, rise above this temptation and live brave lives of dependence on their own persevering labour. But many sink in the effort and give up all true, manly hope. It is character that they need. They need inspiration. They need to have hope brought to them; they need to be roused to a belief in their power by the help of God to live on higher principles. It is when men of this class are fighting their own battle, against their own weakness, that they can best be aided by thoughtful sympathy and friendly help. But besides these there are not a few who are caught, as it were, in some overpowering current of trouble which they cannot deal with. Such are those who cannot find employment, though often

longing to find it. The difficulty of helping these is well known, and requires most careful study. And, lastly, there are many who are physically unable to maintain themselves; sometimes from congenital weakness, sometimes from accident or disease, sometimes, and, indeed, most often, from old age. To instil Christian principle into the great body of Churchmen, to press on them the duty of not only being ready to give and glad to communicate, but of giving their time, their trouble, their careful thought, to the discovery of the best mode of helping individual cases of need, is the task which our Master gives us. We warmly commend to all Christian people the report of our committee on this subject.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

There is nothing which more tends to promote general employment and consequently genuine comfort among the people than the maintenance of peace among the nations of mankind. But besides and above all considerations of material comfort, stands the value of peace itself as the great characteristic of the Kingdom of our Lord, the word which heralded His entrance into the world, the title which specially distinguishes Him from all earthly princes. There can be no question that the influence of the Christian Church can do more for this than any other that can be named. Without denying that there are just wars and that we cannot prevent their recurrence entirely, yet we are convinced that there are other and better ways of settling the quarrels of nations than by fighting. War is a horrible evil, followed usually by consequences worse than itself. Arbitration in place of war saves the honor of the nations concerned, and yet determines the question at issue with completeness. War brutalizes, even while it gives opportunity for the finest heroism. Arbitration leaves behind it a generous sense of passions restrained and justice sought for. The Church of Christ can