

# ADDRESS

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## THE CHURCHES

FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS :

**The Single Tax Association,  
The Trades and Labor Council,  
The Allied Printing Trades Council,  
The International Builders' Laborers' Union,  
The International Association of Machinists,  
The Toronto Typographical Union,  
The Toronto Street Railway Employees' Union and Benefit  
Society.**

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**T**HE circumstances of the last few years have revealed a most serious condition in the social arrangements of this Continent. With an immeasurable endowment of natural wealth, with the improvement of machinery beyond all parallel, with the means of transportation perfected as never before, with the power of producing wealth in abundance vastly greater than in any other age, we still see the terrible sight of ghastly poverty, of oppressive want, of enforced idleness, and all this in the shadow of palaces with all the outward and visible signs of inordinate luxury.

Is it not true that the larger the city the more evident is the widening of the gulf between the haunts of poverty and the palaces of the millionaires. Is it not manifestly evident that somehow and somewhere in our social arrangements there is an unfortunate want of equity, a terrible miscarriage of justice? When some must toil like slaves and then secure only a fractional part of what they produce, and when others without doing the slightest productive act, can enjoy an abundance of superfluous luxuries, when with the most ample natural opportunities for employment, thousands find it so difficult to secure employment, how can the industrial classes be convinced that equity reigns and justice triumphs?

We trust you will pardon us for submitting to you the following enquiries:—

For whom did the Creator furnish this vast storehouse of natural wealth? What are we to understand by the terms "God the Father,