

Union, disbanded in 1912, and handed over its work to the present Commission. The Commission has further co-operated during the past three years with the Commission on the Church and Social Service, appointed in 1908 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and through this medium with the Social Agencies of various Commissions, including the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Congregational, and the North Baptist Churches."

4. Education.

But perhaps the most important work of the Council for some time to come must be in the domain of education. Our clergy, as a rule, ought to have a more enlightened knowledge of the social condition of the people and of the influences that are at work among them, in order that they may be better prepared to hear the call to Social Service, and better prepared to apply the principles of the Gospel which they preach to all sorts and conditions of men. Many of them are ready and willing to do their part but, like the Ethiopian Eunuch, they say, "How can I, except some one shall guide me?" Even the best instructed among us have only a smattering of knowledge on these subjects and can at best only be blind leaders of the blind. It would add very greatly to the efficiency of the Church, in this age, if it had a department wholly given up to the study and promotion of social objects, a body of experts, as it were, who could speak with authority and who could devote themselves to the instruction and guidance of both clergy and people in such matters.

(a) Political Morality.

There is at the outset, the question of Political Morality. In a democratic country like ours, few can be more important and, in view of the recent revelations of political wrongdoing, few can be more urgent. All Patriotic Canadians have hung their heads in shame at the necessity of so many Commissions having to be appointed to investigate war contracts and alleged misappropriation of public funds, and at so many public men bandying with one another charges of graft and political corruption. Our public men, as a rule, are above reproach. Our people, as a rule, are upright and honest. Where then is the source of the evil? Is there something in our Social System that lends itself too readily to temptation? Is it the party system? Is it the weakness of public sentiment and public opinion? What is it? Assured-