

The Problem of Church Union.

Chancellor Burwash is right in regarding the organic union of the Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian Churches in Canada as a task of uncommon magnitude. In the largeness of the conception, in the difficulties to be overcome, and in the possibilities to be accomplished, such a union calls for singleness of eye, steadiness of judgment, and courage of heart beyond any undertaking yet attempted in Canada. There are obstacles in the history, in the traditions, and in the institutions of these Churches which block the way. There are evident objections to separation, but objections no less definite can be urged against union. The social forces, as well as the religious feelings and the ecclesiastical prejudices, which must be mastered and directed before any such union can be effected, make the task to some appear difficult to the verge of impossibility. All this must be measured and matched by those who would see this union movement gather force and issue in action.

The danger of great incorporations, combines, trusts, is recognized in ecclesiastical as well as in secular affairs. Where the doing of thing the whole or the supreme duty of the church, the economy in resources, which amalgamation would effect, might justify, even to the stoutest denominationalist, the experiment of union. But life, not things, is the Church's great concern. Would a union such as is proposed tend to the production of a higher and truer type of personal and corporate life? That question goes to the core and cannot be loftily brushed aside. The theology and the government of the Presbyterian church have produced one fairly characteristic type of life; those of the Methodist another; those of the Congregational a third. Has the time come when the forces making for character-building in all three should be combined?

Then, too, the danger of what those who fear it call "priestcraft" is not insignificant. There are elements and tendencies in all ecclesiastical organizations which are unspiritual. The dominance of the organization over the individual is a peril alike in Church and State. The safe guarding of the individual, the deliverance of the individual from the thralldom of the mass, the securing of scope and opportunity for the development and the activity of the individual—all this is essential to the spirituality of the Church as represented in the three denominations involved in the proposed union. That, too, must be steadily faced.

But the hope and the uniqueness of this union movement is in this, that the men who lead in it neither shut their eyes to the dangers nor minimize the risks. They believe a better type of personal and social life would result from the unity of spirit and the consolidation of effort than is now possible in division and competition. They believe that what is best in each would be conserved in the united Church, and made the common heritage of all. And as men who have felt the impulse and the power of a great movement they have set themselves to the accomplishment of the most significant undertaking in the modern history of the Christian Church. It may be Canada's high destiny to lead the way.—Toronto Globe.

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The rising water consequent upon the rapid melting of the snow has caused clear stretches to reveal themselves alongside the margins of Canadian lakes and rivers, which the hardier fishes, tired with their long imprisonment under the ice, are using as recreation grounds.

Pike and dore, perch and chub, still somewhat stiff and sluggish from the winter's cold and confinement, move about, or lie for hours perfectly still, as near the sun and shore as possible, the broad dorsal fin on the big fellows waving in the spring breezes.

It is the season of the fish-shooter, who gets a good deal of fun out of his rather unsportsmanlike pursuit. Stealing along the shore with his gun heavily loaded with small shot he aims for the head of the fish, his object being to strike somewhere about the spot on which it lies.

His sighting need not be very exact, since in eight cases out of ten it is the concussion of the shot upon the water near by that stuns the fish. Some men acquire a kind of knack of getting at the proper distance so that the shot may strike at such an angle as to produce shock sufficient to shatter the nervous organization.

Experience shows that there is a distance beyond which the eye of the basking pike does not carry. Within that distance the swiftness of vision and the agility of the fish are wonderful and also aggravating. But up to the edge of this dead angle one can safely go without disturbing the quarry.

Knowledge of that and swiftness in retrieving represent all that is in the least difficult in fish shooting. Some of the gunners take along carts and wagons to convey the spoil to where it can be sold or otherwise disposed of, and this year, perhaps because of the exceedingly hard and long winter just ended, they are bringing in heavy loads of fine fish.

It is safe to say that hundreds of tons of large, coarse fish will be shot during the present fortnight, and it is said that their meat is never so fine and good as it is just at this season.

As the water rises and spreads into swamps and intervals the jack hunters begin to get in their dark and deadly work. The muskies and pike seek these fresh shallows for the sake of the warmth the water catches from the ground, and perhaps with an eye to an occasional early frog that may work its way from its hibernating below the frost in the mud.

To the spearman standing near the jack full of blazing oiled cotton waste or fat pine knots the motionless shape of the fish is clearly revealed, and it is an easy thing to push a broad barbed spear into its back and drag it into the boat. It is contrary to law to take the fish in this way, but a prodigious number are speared in this province every spring, and it is not unusual to see 20 and 30 pound fish exposed for sale with the marks of the spear prongs upon them.

What Women Read.

It is difficult to say how women learn what is going on in the world.

Do they glean information from the placards, or in conversation, or is it conveyed to them by that mysterious sense known as feminine intuition? A well-known newspaper proprietor has just confessed his inability to solve the riddle, and has admitted that it has cost him no less than £100,000 to discover how women do not obtain news.

In failing to support a women's daily newspaper, English women have only followed the example of their French sisters, who likewise discarded *La Fronde*, a paper printed and published in Paris by women for women. The conclusion to be drawn from this is that either the fair sex resent the editing and classifying of the news of the day to suit what Tolstoi called "their inferior mental capacity," or else that it supports the theory that newspaper reading does not appeal to the majority of women. Yet it is well known that women are insatiable readers. They are the great patrons of literature today; the public for whom the novelist caters; the public for whom the circulating libraries exist, and incidentally they are the public who have deprived the novelist of a masculine audience. For what man wants to read the popular novel upon which woman has set her seal of approbation; the novel without a hero, but in his stead a tame substitute whose character is tuned to feminine ideals, who is allowed neither roistering nor rollicking, but meanders through the story, a monument to feminine vanity, working his way through trials and difficulties until, reduced to a proper state of subjection, he is deemed worthy to claim the hand of the heroine, whose introspection of her own character is the sole attempt at a plot.

Well might Thackeray declare with tears that Fielding was the last novelist in England that dared paint a man.

Socialism and the City of the Future.

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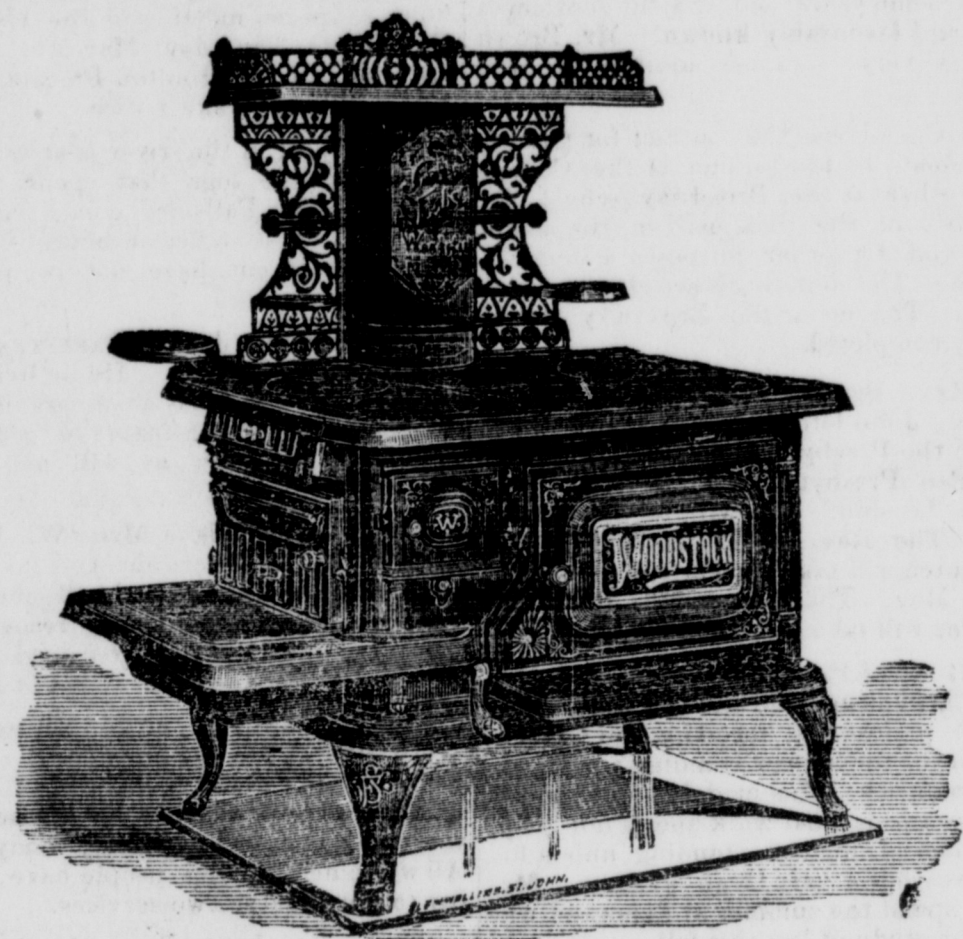
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