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CANON AND PRECENTOR OF ST. PAUL'S

"Is not this the Fast that I have chosen? to loose the hands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"—*Lesson for Ash Wednesday*

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P R E F A C E

THE following Sermons have been selected from two courses preached during Lent, 1895, on weekdays, mainly to business men, at the churches of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, and St. Mary-le-Strand.

The London Branch of the Christian Social Union is responsible for inviting the several preachers. But each preacher is entirely responsible for his own utterance; and for nothing more. It will be obvious that they differ widely in aim and judgment. It would be meaningless if they did not, in face of the intricacy and the complication of the vast social problem which Christianity is called upon to handle. Many types, many minds, many experiences, must draw together, through much correction and discipline, before the Church can adequately grapple with her task. The Christian Social Union has thought it well, therefore, simply to invite such speakers as were qualified to win a hearing, and then to leave them perfectly free to express themselves. Our one aim is that such matters as these should be pressed upon the anxious attention of the laity in Lent.

Only by so doing can we hope to arrive, after many a long day of dispute and of sifting, at that agreement, which as yet could only be forced or mechanical. We cordially thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for consenting to assist in this our endeavour.

Yet there is one basal agreement which we did set ourselves to secure. We have asked only those to preach who believe, in heart and soul, that, below all the varieties of social work and social thought, there is but one living Lord and Master Who can solve our riddles, and disentangle our confusions, and give union to our broken brotherhood. Here is our rock. Other foundation can no man lay than is laid in Jesus Christ.

H. S. HOLLAND.

I, AMEN COURT, ST. PAUL'S,
May, 1895.

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