

SHOULD FOLLOW TANNANT.

W. T. Stead Advises the Churches to Adopt His Aggressive Methods.

Monday afternoon, Dec. 18 at 2 o'clock, the clergymen of the city will meet at William Hall for the purpose of forming a united union religious body for aggressive work in municipal affairs. The city will be divided into districts, and an effort will be made to bring an organization whose purpose shall be to bring about improvement of the laws for the suppression of gambling, the liquor traffic, and other evils.

This morning at 10 o'clock a committee of prominent clergymen will present themselves before the American Federation of Labor, now in session in the Grange, Chicago, to advise the labor leaders that the clergy are in league with their efforts to elevate the moral and social condition of the laboring man. The committee will be as follows: Dr. H. B. Thomas, Dr. L. P. Clifford, Bishop Samuel Patterson, the Arthur Edwards, Dr. Abbott, Rev. Alfred Ford, James Rev. M. L. Williams, Dr. George Follen, Dr. T. C. Hall, H. H. Brown, Dr. George General, Stobbs, Rev. Paul Tompkins and Rev. H. A. White.

There had been some talk of the outcome of Governor Stead's conference with the clergymen of Chicago and it is stated that persons who were nearly three hundred heads of representative churches were present, and nearly all the major religious sects were represented. Mr. Stead was chairman of the meeting, and he was heard to say that he had assigned the clergymen of Chicago for their action to meet the representatives of heads of business to carry a proper influence in political and municipal affairs.

On the subject of the statement, "What Part may Holy Men Play for Justice?" When the Chicago Church Union will be held at William Hall there will be a great change to the administration of the affairs of American cities.

"Partly your problem. Your problem is to take the outcome of your clerical efforts to be a great moral force in our city. It is the result of our clerical efforts in the church were doing the duty, the result of the work of our men. You are working for justice, for the poor, for the church, but you are not doing your political duty, and you are responsible for it. The present situation is the greatest thing that has yet come to the city, and the great job has been built on the shore of Lake Michigan.

At an extended meeting held yesterday morning at the Grand Pacific Hotel to the Chicago National Ministry the "Conditions and Needs of the Poor of Chicago" were discussed. Robert W. T. Stead had been invited to be present and the attendance was large. All kinds of things were brought forward, even in the minds of the clergymen. The clergymen are the power agencies, and the greatest amount of justice to those in need can be most effectively meted out.

Mrs. Florence Kelley addressed the meeting in her position as president of the National Association of Women's Christian Associations. She spoke upon the subject of the "Employment of Children in Factories" and the general labor problem. When she had concluded a discussion of the other subjects was postponed to a later date.