

Russellism.

A curious development of this extraordinary sect's working is causing alarm in Canada. "The International Bible Students' Association is getting itself into trouble in Canada. The origin and purpose of this movement are better understood in Canada and the United States than in this country. On its religious side, it exists, we believe, for the promotion of the teaching of the notorious 'Pastor Russell,' and it is important that no one should be misled by its high-sounding title. But in Canada, according to the Toronto correspondent of the 'Times,' it is developing tendencies of a specially dangerous character. 'All its latest literature,' we are told, is 'extremely pacifist, anti-war, anti-clerical, and anti-Government.' The Dominion police have been asked to make public investigation into its activities. 'It is spending money lavishly in advertising and propaganda. It sells productions which have been banned, apparently below cost price, and there is much curiosity as to the source of its revenue.' Books and pamphlets have been seized at various towns, yet the Association continues its work, although it claims to have only 40,000 followers on the whole continent and no wealthy adherents."—The (English) "Church Record."

A Fourpenny Religion.

The rector of Mt. Morgan writes in his parish notes to the "Church Gazette":—Would to God some people could be shaken into a realisation of their true position. "Church of England" they call themselves. By what right do they claim membership in the noblest society in the world? By baptism, aye and by faith, don't forget. He who turns his back upon the faith forfeits the privileges of his baptism. If they have any faith let them show it by their works. "Faith without works is dead," says St. James. These people I have in mind call themselves "Church of England" and disgrace that glorious title by never attending their church at all, and never contributing a farthing to it except in return for a ticket of some sort. Their sole connection with the Church since they grew up was, perhaps, to get married in it, and they are going to allow the Church the inestimable privilege of disposing of their sacred remains when they die. A man once said to a preacher in the Old Country: "Thank God my religion does not cost me more than fourpence a week." The preacher replied, "Sir, your religion is not worth fourpence."

S.P.C.K. Depot and Church Book Store.

Mulgrave-street, Wellington.

For a long time the need of a Church book shop has been felt in New Zealand. For many years a small depot of the S.P.C.K. has existed in the Diocesan Library, Wellington, in which a stock of books has been built up. At a meeting of subscribers recently it was resolved to enlarge the business. For this purpose, a Committee of Clergy was elected, together with Mr. C. P. Powles, the Treasurer, and a shop has been added to the Diocesan Library, Mulgrave street, which is open to the public. A larger stock of Bibles, Prayer Books, Devotional books, and Sunday School requisites will be kept and sold at the lowest prices possible. The Society has no intention of profit-making, its object being to help the Church, and any surplus after paying expenses will be devoted to improving the stock. The clergy will be pleased to hear that the Depot intends to procure the latest theological works, which are carefully selected by the Committee, and all the current books of that nature which are essential to the clergy will be kept (or procured) and sold at the lowest prices possible. The Committee will value and recommendations of books, and will be pleased to order if not in stock.

News Items.

"Au Revoir, but not Good-bye."

The Chaplain of one of His Majesty's free boarding-houses relates the following authentic story:—A gentleman who has several times been sent there as a boarder for varying periods in the public interest is skilled not only in the use of the jemmy and breaking road metal, but also in the art of music, and acts as organist and choirmaster at the gaol services. On a recent Sunday, being about to depart once more on the morrow in search of fresh adventures in this outside world of toil and woe, he presided as usual at the organ and chose as his parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

Wanted.

The Chaplains at Trentham, Featherston and Tauherenikau are always grateful for gramophone records, fruit, cake, books and other things that help them to provide recreation and comforts in our Institutes. When a chaplain goes away with a reinforcement you can help him enormously if you will send him such things as the

above. If you have books or records you can spare do not hesitate as to where to send them. "The Anglican Chaplain, Trentham" (or whichever camp you choose) is a sufficient address; or "The Anglican Chaplain, —th Reinforcement, Trentham (for use on the transport)." We have this month received one generous gift of records and books from Mrs. H. W. Whyte, Onga Onga.

What's Up with It?

Some people are terribly shocked when they see the Church of England, whom they thought decently dead or fast asleep, suddenly showing signs of life. During the recent mission in Broken Hill the out-door procession was forming up at a "station" in Argent street. A man in the crowd was overheard to say to his neighbour, "The Salvation Army are out in great style to-night." "No," as he looked again, "it's the Roman Catholics." His curiosity aroused by the sight of crucifix, banners, torches, and the surpliced choir and clergy, the man looked closer, and exclaimed, in utter astonishment, "My God, it's the Church of England! What's up with it?"

The Roman Menace.

The Bishop of Goulburn (Dr. Radford), concluding an interesting letter on the "peaceful penetration" tactics and the political aspects of Roman influence, suggests the following lines of action to counteract the "Roman menace":—(1) First, live out the teaching and follow the lead of your own Church. We shall never beat the excesses of Romanism with the defects of Anglicanism. Be as good Anglicans as they are Romans. (2) Watch the way in which Roman priests are working their marriage policy, and speak out. (3) Keep your money for your own Church. We can do without the little money we get from them; let them do without our money. If they threaten to boycott Anglican shopkeepers who will not give to Roman buildings and objects, we may have to resort reluctantly to reprisals and confine our trade to our own people. There is no doubt who would suffer most in that case. (4) Stop sending Anglican children to Roman schools. (5) Let your Roman neighbours know that you have no desire to attack their faith, but that they are not the only "Catholics" in the Commonwealth. (6) Leave the policy of "hate" to other people; you can afford to love any fellow citizen who loves the Commonwealth and the Empire.