

directing me except my own opinions."

"I am glad to say that I have a very wise Spirit Who directs me," said Mr Robins; "He can't go wrong, and I can't go wrong if I follow Him. The trouble is that one doesn't always obey, but prefers one's own judgment."

"Yes, I could fancy that might happen," said Paul, "but Mr Robins, it is very odd that your society includes all these different things in one; are you sure you're not 'having me'?"

"Not at all," said Mr Robins, smiling. "I shall be very glad to explain my society to you some day, and then you need not belong to so many different ones. My society is large and widespread and includes all that is true in the systems you have mentioned."

"It's rather odd I haven't heard of it before," said Paul.

But Mr Robins only smiled and remarked that it was his bedtime. He paused at the door and added, "By the by, you will find a meeting place of our society at the end of that little path through the shrubbery—you might like to look in."

"Thank you," said Paul.

He came home early from business next day, and feeling really interested in this society which seemed to solve every problem so easily, he followed the little path which had so often roused his curiosity. It led him to a small gate in the iron railing which surrounded the garden, and having passed through this, he found himself in the road, and just at the open door of a small but very pretty building covered with roses and ivy. He entered. There were flowers, pictures, colored windows, carved wood and stone work, hangings and embroidery, and the whole effect was restful and dignified; but as he was expecting something quite different it took him some minutes to realise that he was standing in an ordinary Christian Church.

He heard someone enter, and turning, found Mr Robins at his side. The old man pointed to a picture of a penitent at the foot of the cross and said, "Here is our psycho-analysis, and we have expert soul doctors to help those who cannot quiet their own conscience." Looking at the altar he said, "That is where we kneel in company with friends gone before, never so near as when we are one with them in the King of Saints. Here, too, is where we make our meditations, and where we ask the help of the Good Spirit Who directs our lives." Looking at the radiant face of the old man, a great awe fell upon Paul.—B.W. in "Church Army Gazette."

News and Notes.

Miss D. M. Holland has been appointed principal of Woodford House School in succession to Miss Hodge. Miss D. M. Holland, who is a daughter of the Rev. John Holland, of Christchurch, graduated M.A. (N.Z.) with first class honors in mental philosophy. After considerable teaching experience in New Zealand, Miss Holland went to England and America for training in modern teaching methods and is recognised as one of the leading authorities in the Dominion on the Montessori system. With true missionary spirit, Miss Holland volunteered for mission work in India but after about two years was, under medical advice, forced to give up work in tropical countries. She then came to New Zealand and for a short time taught at the native school at Oramahoe, Bay of Islands, but in 1918 was offered a responsible position in the Diocesan Girls' School, Auckland. The Trustees of Woodford House are to be congratulated on securing the services of so competent a head for the school.

Miss Rogers (late of St. John's, Invercargill, and of the Ngatawa School, Marton), has been appointed to assist the Misses Webb at St. Winifred's School, Gisborne. St. Winifred's is winning a name in Poverty Bay for its excellence from an education point of view, and its morale and religious influence on its pupils is amply justifying the action of the Chapter in opening it as a venture of faith this year. There are at present about forty pupils but numerous applications have been received for admission next year, and many of those applying will be boarders. The Chapter is greatly cheered by the prospect of the school becoming entirely self-supporting in the near future. At a meeting of the Chapter on September 28th the resignation of Mrs Ross, the matron, was received. Whilst deeply regretting the loss of Mrs Ross' excellent services the Chapter were pleased to learn the circumstances which enabled Mrs Ross to place her resignation in their hands. Miss Compton was appointed to take over Mrs Ross' duties.

The idea of holding a Diocesan Summer School for teachers at Gisborne is considered to be impracticable. It is probable that no Summer School will be held this year but that we shall wait for the arrival of the Diocesan Sunday School Organiser. The Chapter have advised, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, that a Sunday School Organiser should be secured as soon as possible.

We have been asked to mention in the "Gazette" the Church Congress to be held in Christchurch next year.

Details will be found in the "N.Z. Churchman" of last month. In reply to a letter from the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. F. Dunnage, the Chapter have suggested that speakers should be chosen by the Christchurch committee. A conference will be held during Congress week to discuss the establishment of a Provincial Council to study matters of Sunday School interest, and it is suggested that a central book depot for Sunday School literature and requirements should be opened.

The Diocese is considerably behind in its quota for the needs of the Board of Missions. So far under £700 has been sent for this year and our quota is over £2000. In addition to the Board's usual requirements an appeal is being made to the Church for £1000 to replace the churches, schools and missionary houses in the New Hebrides which were destroyed by a hurricane a month or two ago. The Bishop will issue a letter shortly, pointing out the need of funds and a campaign for raising the rest of our diocesan quota will be begun about October 29th.

At the Celebration on September 28th, in connection with the meeting of the Cathedral Chapter, the Bishop solemnly admitted Mr A. E. Turner Williams, B.A., as a lay member of the Chapter.

A week of prayer for Missions will be held from January 7th till January 13th under the auspices of the World's Evangelical Alliance. The time is somewhat unsuited to New Zealand conditions but details will be published next month so that those who are able to do so will be able to participate.

A new hymn book, the work of the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard and Mr Martin Shaw (of St. Martin's in the Fields) will shortly be published by the S.P.C.K. The publishers are of opinion that the "English Hymnal" is the best hymn book at present in existence, but think it is "too cultured for the masses," they are therefore bringing out the new book for the benefit of "the masses." It will contain only about 350 hymns, more hymns for special occasions, fewer for saints' days and a few new hymns. The music is to be of a popular kind, singable and modern.

The Very Rev. the Dean and Canon Butterfield have been appointed by the Chapter to arrange for the annual examination and inspection of St. Winifred's School, Gisborne, on behalf of the Chapter.

From the announcement of an impending bazaar:—"A big attendance means a financial success. If you cannot come yourself, purchase tickets to give away to those less fortunate."—"Punch."