

It was the privilege of the writer of the present notes to hear W. T. Stead lecture on his experience at the "Passion Play at Oberammergau," and the reference he then made to Judas was characteristic of the man. He said that it had jarred on him that the immense assembly gathered from all countries to witness the great Passion Play, had hissed Judas. Stead suggested an interpretation of the conduct of Judas which, though not the orthodox one, is at least worth noting. He thought Judas was probably influenced by the belief that Christ would be led to declare Himself more fully, and that the Divine Master would manifest His power so that no harm would follow.

On another occasion the writer heard Stead lecture on the subject, "If Jesus Christ Came to Edinburgh?" and one incident in particular of that meeting remains in memory. After the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," Stead rose and said he had just taken part in singing "a most colossal lie," and he referred to the sentence: "We are not divided: all one Body we." No doubt there is another sense in which the words express a truth, but all the same it is often the work of a master-mind to turn men's thoughts from leisurely-taken lines. Probably no man would have been more ready to recognize the unity of Christian spirit that characterises many of the Churches today, and Stead was one of the world's greatest workers for unity and brotherhood as well as for peace among men.

Now that he has passed, it will be said that his work here was done; but there may be those who will hold that at this time the world can ill afford to lose so powerful an advocate of peace and trenchant a writer on all that makes for the extension of practical Christianity and the uplifting of mankind.

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY—MEN!

The Synod meetings at New Westminster were memorable for several things, but not least for the discussion which took place on the question of men for the ministry. After several speakers had put emphasis on various points, one member sounded a more original note which, in effect, put most of the stress on "Men for the Ministry—Men!" The point was well taken, and cannot well be over-emphasized. Ministers may be good students, earnest and able theologians, faithful pastors and much else, but a primary qualification for service in the age in which we live is that they be men fitted by practical experience to act as men among men; men not afraid on occasion to take a wholesome interest in all matters affecting healthful life, physical and mental no less than spiritual.

On the other hand, the Church as an organization must face the fact, and Christians who wish to be so in more than name, must face the fact, that the men who devote their lives and the strength of their being to the service of the Greatest Cause on Earth are relatively, as workmen, most inadequately paid. This is true in general, but it is much more true when consideration is given to the position of respectability—and often of almsgiving—which the average minister is expected to maintain.

As our College itself could prove by reference to the successful experience in other spheres of work of several young men among its students, no man free from "the malady of the ideal" will be attracted to Christian work for the money that is associated with it; but there is all the more reason why the conscience of the Christian community should be awakened.