

most telling effect on the cable rates affecting the nations of the Empire, and thereby has indirectly made communication easier.

The beneficial effects of the work of the Union have been acknowledged by statesmen throughout the Empire. Mr. Brittain mentioned Canada or Australia as perhaps the place of next meeting. Should they settle on the city by the western sea, they could return by Australia!

### COLLEGE STUDENTS AND RAILWAY RATES

Within the past month it has been announced that certain railway companies will no longer grant reduced rates to college students. Among other things it is alleged that "there is no longer any reason why students should be favoured more than the general public, as they come of a class well able to pay ordinary footing."

We hope that some better basis can be given for the change than the one quoted. We believe it is more generally true today than ever before that the student bodies include many young men—all honor to them! who are striving for intellectual advancement against many hindrances and handicaps of position. Not a few students in all departments, have to save sufficient in about five months of the year to cover their living and learning expenses in the remaining seven months.

So far as the west is concerned, we have reason to know that the Railway Companies have been most generously considerate toward ministers and students alike. This we believe to have been part of a sane policy, as the pioneers in every line who help to open

up a country and influence the civilized conditions which attract more settlers, deserve special consideration.

Regarding the present condition of affairs, though we are well acquainted with arguments of the kind that "business is business" and "we are not philanthropists," we are old-fashioned enough to believe that the dividends of the railway companies would not suffer by the continued extension of the reduced rate privilege to college students in general and to church workers in particular. If the decision reported is accurate, we venture to hope that the governing bodies will see their way to reconsider the whole matter.

### LABELLED FOR VANCOUVER

In a welcome letter acknowledging a copy of the Westminster Hall Magazine, Mr. James Craigie, Chief Librarian of Sandeman Public Library, Perth City, Scotland, notes:

"A considerable number of emigrants have lately left this district for British Columbia, and I recently saw at the railway station here the baggage of three persons labelled for Vancouver, who were to cross the Atlantic by three different steamship routes. They were leaving Perth on the same day, and, travelling far apart, were, if all went well, to arrive in the same city at the other side of the world."

"Your magazine, if you can send us a copy regularly, may help to make intending emigrants realise that they ought to have, in addition to the idea of making themselves comfortable in their adopted home, the purpose of helping to build up the Empire on virtuous foundations."