

## THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Dr. Monro Gibson, St. John's. Wood, London, lectured on Wednesday evening at Mount Pleasant Church, Liverpool, on "An Evening with Browning."

The Presbytery of London South has formed a "Committee on Soldiers and Sailors," of which the Rev. John More, of New-road Church, Woolwich, is Convener. Aldershot, Chatham, Portsmouth, Canterbury, Woolwich, and other military and naval stations are within the Presbytery's bounds.

The striking sermon, entitled "Links between Science and Christ," preached by Principal Oswald Dykes during the meeting of the British Association in September last, has been published by request. A lady resident at Cambridge has generously caused copies to be sent to a large number of the members of the Association.

The Rev. John McNeill has concluded a very successful month's mission at Newcastle. Large meetings were held during the day for business men, and at night great gatherings assembled in the Olympia, which was often overcrowded. The Y.M.C.A.'s did excellent work, and there was general heartiness of co-operation among the ministers.

North Carlton Sunday-school celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, 29th ult. Rev. T. Brown, M.A., assistant minister of Scots Church, preached in the morning, and the Rev. Graham Balfour, B.D., in the evening. In the afternoon an address was given by Mr. Wishart, Sabbath-school agent of the General Assembly. All the services were well attended.

The Presbytery of Mortlake, Australia, met on the 1st inst. Rev. R. Murray, of Wickliffe, was given the call from Williamstown, which he accepted, and Rev. W. M'Bridow was appointed moderator of Wickliffe charge. Rev. T. J. Riddle reported as delegate to the Federal Assembly. The remit relative to ruling elders being eligible as Moderator of Assembly was not approved.

The Presbytery of Wagga Australia met at Albury on 25th ult. There were present: Revs. T. Steele, M.A., Moderator, A. McClinton, and D. Smith, ministers; Messrs. P. H. Stewart and John Ross, elders. This was the first meeting since the General Assembly. Rev. R. Jennings, of Wagga, was elected Moderator for the current term. Rev. A. M. Tait, of Goulburn, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

The Second National Convention of the Federal Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip met in Philadelphia last week. The strength of the brotherhood by chapters is as follows: Reformed Church, 94; Presbyterian, 100; Congregational, 62; Methodist Episcopal, 7; Methodist Protestant, 2; Baptist, 7; United Brethren, 3; Lutheran, 1; Reformed Episcopal, 1; United Presbyterian, 1; Church of Christ, 1; total number of chapters, 279.

The Rev. James Mackenzie, Secretary of the New Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, states that there are no fewer than seventy towns in England with populations of more than 20,000 in which there is at present no Presbyterian congregation. He thinks that the £50,000 which it is proposed to raise in connection with the new fund could be raised without pressure on any if the whole Church were to throw itself heartily into the effort. Thirty years ago the Church raised £25,000 for a similar purpose. If the amount subscribed now were at the same ratio on the Church's income, it would exceed £100,000.

The two Melbourne Presbyteries held a Conference on the 8th inst., says the *Australian Presbyterian* to consider (1) Can the Church improve its efficiency and thus increase the attendance at her Sabbath services by devising some method of interchange of pulpits whereby ministers shall be given more time for preparation; (2) What are the best methods of visitation; and (3) Should the Church organize "pleasant Sunday afternoons" or clubs for athletic sports, or provide lantern views and brass bands in connection with Sabbath evening services in the hope of doing her work more efficiently? Rev. Dr. Robinson opened in the negative.

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