

EDITOR'S PAGE

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

Anything "A Man of Kent" writes in the *BRITISH WEEKLY* is sure to be well worthy of note, and his reference to "Endowed Periodicals" is no exception. He mentions the interesting fact that "the University of Chicago carries on eighteen periodicals, the last of which is the *ENGLISH JOURNAL*." Further on he mentions various Journals "which it would be impossible to maintain without subsidies," and closes with the sentence: "I have frequently suggested that an endowed periodical might in many cases do better service than an endowed lectureship."

In the same connection an instructive article on "The Christian Conservation Congress," by William T. Ellis, which appears in the latest *PRESBYTERIAN* to hand has in it a noteworthy reference. The writer says:

"Of the tangible results of the Congress, perhaps the creation of a body of literature upon the relation of Church and press was the most important. An entire session was devoted to Christian publicity, and out of this has come the determination of these representatives of the Church to prosecute steadfastly this new form of service. We may look forward to hearing in all our ministers' meetings and denominational gatherings and men's conventions the discussion of the subject of how the Church may utilize the press in serving the world. A national press bureau, representing all the churches, to deal with the daily newspapers as a whole, was suggested by the Commission on Publicity, and its realization will probably be only a matter of months.

The place of the religious press in the economy of the churches was stated in unmistakable terms. Instead of turning attention away from the church papers, in favor of the daily press, this Commission had made it appear as a clear duty of the laymen and of the denominations to take hold of the problem of the religious press, bringing home to every Christian family its real need of a church paper.

THE PASSING OF W. T. STEAD.

As we anticipated in our reference to the Titanic, W. T. Stead was among those who passed beyond. As was to be expected, tributes to the world-renowned ability of the journalist, as well as to the generous nature and loveable character of the man, have been paid by many writers. As we go to press we welcome the eagerly-looked for *BRITISH WEEKLY*. Expectations are not disappointed in that Sir W. Robertson Nicoll, who is perhaps the most outstanding British journalist now, has the leading article on his fellow-journalist and friend. The name of the great Weekly's Editor is sufficient to commend the article and cause it to command attention. In addition, that issue of the paper (of date 25th April) has many other notable references to Stead, and a second article, different but not less interesting reading than the first, is by Sir Henry Lunn. The same number is noteworthy for a report revealing how one of London's prominent preachers, Rev. Dr. Campbell Morgan, sought to deal with the loss of the Titanic in a sermon preached the first Sunday after the wreck.