

Church in England. In evidence take the following item, clipped from the *Methodist Recorder*, concerning the Church at Greenock, Scotland:

"More than this, some of its members are foremost in the good work that is going on in the big town in matters municipal and philanthropical. Indeed, nearly every form of social benevolence—rescuing the intemperate, reforming the criminal, clothing the naked, training the young, and befriending the friendless—gains an impetus to its machinery from the spiritual engine-room of the little Methodist Church. . . . A recent feature of church development is the opening of a parlor and reading-room belonging to the Young Men's Association. It is particularly intended to be a bright, cheery home for young men in lodgings. It is supplied with newspapers, games, and the nucleus of a library. Speaking of this at the inauguration of the parlor, the Rev. T. G. Selby made a very kind and thoughtful offer. He would place a catalogue of his books upon the table, and any one desiring to read one of the number should be made welcome to the loan."

Also the following, from an editorial in the *Methodist Times*, on the new hymn-book of the "Forward Movement":

"On the other hand, Ethical Christianity is represented to a quite unprecedented degree. For this section the compilers are largely indebted to Unitarian writers, who have been allowed too long to have something like a monopoly of the true manhood of our Lord. That He was our human model as well as our Divine Saviour is the key-note of the Forward Movement. Hence the new prominence which the General Hymnary gives to the Social side and the Brotherliness of Christianity. The older evangelicalism was too self-centred, and tended to become self-absorbed. It relied too much upon fear and too little upon love. It thought too much about the future and too little about the present. All it said was true; but it was sometimes disproportionate and lopsided. It did not give every aspect of Scriptural Christianity its due share of attention. It dwelt too exclusively on certain aspects. We believe that the General Hymnary is full-orbed and well-balanced. All the parts are strongly represented, and therefore the music is more rich and harmonious. Everything that our grandfathers taught is here. But some things which they did not sufficiently teach are duly prominent here. Only the complete Gospel will be enduring in the twentieth century. But with this hymn-book in their hands the men of the New Era may face the future fearlessly."