

METHODISM.—This is a term that of itself means nothing definite as methods in religious matters vary from time to time.

MIRACLES.—When resorted to prove the religion it supports to be false. Natural religion needs no special miracles.

NOVEL READING. This is a modern craze with idle people that do not have to work as hard as other people to get a living. It requires little thinking as it is only gossip on paper instead of being between the living voices on the door steps. Imaginary gossip will do as well as real.

MONKS and NUNS and their detractors are both equally foolish. Their institutions however should be examined like all other human institutions, especially as people with morbid delusion require watching more carefully than ordinary people.

MONISM.—I don't see where this idea differs from the old idea that one God by uniform laws rules everywhere except that fanatics of the atheistic type prefer to think that blind force needs no guidance or direction.

MORMONISM.—This sensual cult is based on Old Testament stories and it is hard to understand why some people advocate legal penalties for practising what they were taught in Sunday School as the practises of God's specially chosen people.

ORANGISM.—One of the most foolish types of the present day. As far as its

political basis is concerned its preposterous claims are not according to historical facts, for it was not at the Boyne that the Stuarts' pretensions were finally disposed of but at Culloden in Scotland over sixty years afterwards. Furthermore their ideas and practises are contrary to true imperialism where there is supposed to be no supremacy based on religious ideas, all people who are loyal to the Empire being supposed to be on an equality.

PERSECUTION and MARTYRDOM are equally foolish, wicked and useless as their effects are often contrary to the plans of both. The martyr sometimes creates sympathy by his sufferings but as the first law of nature is self preservation no one should overdo things to the extent of creating antagonisms that endangers his life and means of livelihood. If an all powerful God wants people to worship Him in a certain way he can instil the idea into their minds as certain other instincts. That being the case the propagandas to advance certain ideas are all purely human and not in the least of divine authority. They are mostly business schemes organized by scheming parasites.

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN.—This is one of the most ignorant of the new ignorant sects where men without education undertake to teach a better kind of religion than an educated ministry. There never was a greater mistake. An educated ministry knows something about philosophy and history and are therefore often more reasonable than an ignorant laity.