

Methodist Churchman

Vol. XXXIX. No. 15.

Registered at the
General Post Office
as a Newspaper.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1932.

PUBLISHED
WEEKLY.

From the Editor's Window.

THE GROUP MOVEMENT.

It is of very great interest to those of us who have been familiar with the Group Movement for some time to hear and read of the effect the movement is having in England. "It is the most remarkable thing now happening in religion," says the *Christian World*. We have long since learned that the movement has in it rich possibilities of blessing. Where it has been welcomed and guided it has resulted in spiritual transformation and quickening. Dr. Russell Maltby warned the ministers of the British Conference of the danger of patronising it. Some ministers have been saying there what has been said here: "We have it all in the class meeting." But, said Dr. Maltby. "the Group functions, and the class meeting . . . !" He paused and threw up his hands. And we all know what he meant. When the Group Movement came to this country were there a dozen of our churches in the whole of South Africa where our young people could have found the life and power in a class meeting that they found in a Group gathering? We believe that our Church has cause to thank God for what the Group Movement has brought to it, and for showing us where we had failed to use a method that God gave unto us. We had retained the method, but we had lost the spirit. Are we all learning the lessons the Groups are teaching us?