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EMPIRE DAY MOVEMENT.

THREE HUNDRED FLAGS EXCHANGED.

"The interest in the celebration of Empire Day, and the recognition of the Empire flag as the fitting emblem of Imperial unity, is growing rapidly," reports Mr. E. S. Smithurst, hon. secretary of the British Empire League in Australia.

A flag is now being embroidered with the words, "This flag, saluted on Gibraltar Rock, Bowral, New South Wales, Australia, is presented to the children of the fortress of Gibraltar, in token of kinship, 1911," and will be unfurled by Lord Chelmsford shortly. Lismore, Ireland, acknowledges the receipt of one from Lismore, N.S.W., with expressions of loyal appreciation, and will send one in return. Mr. P. Board, now on his way to England, will present one from Campsie, Sydney. It is expected that the Lord Provost of Glasgow will arrange for representatives from nine other Glasgow schools, which have exchanged flags, to meet Mr. Board at Campsie. Helensburgh, N.S.W., is about to send a Union Jack and a Federal flag to Helensburgh, Glasgow.

Peel, near Bathurst, has just received its flag from Peel, Isle of Man. Stanley, Falkland Island, acknowledges receipt of the flag from Stanley, Tasmania, and Hastings and Southport, Tasmania, have now sent to their English namesakes. Port Macquarie, Hastings River, is also sending to Hastings, England. Rugby N.S.W., sends this week to Rugby, England, and Wellington, N.S.W., shortly to Wellington College, Yorkshire. It is hoped that Mr. Board will be able to make these two presentations. Bathurst has sent through Sir G. H. Reid to Bathurst, Gambia, and Warwick, Queensland, is shortly to forward a flag to Warwick, England. New Norfolk, Tasmania, has sent to Norwich, and Stratford-on-Avon, N.S.W., to Shakespeare's birthplace. A flag from Lewisham, Sydney, to Lewisham, London, will be sent in a few days, and Beaconsfield, Tasmania, will present a Union Jack to Hughenden, England. The flag from West Kempsey, N.S.W., has probably already reached the school in Worcestershire, and Chichester, Sussex, has acknowledged the receipt of the flag from Chichester. N.S.W. Eccleston, Lancashire, has received a flag from Eccleston, N.S.W.; Rutherglen, Victoria, one from Rutherglen. Scotland ; and Leith N.Z., and Leith, Scotland, have completed exchanges. Somerton, near Tamworth, and Richmond, Tasmania, have sent to their namesake towns at home. The gift of Darlington, Sydney, has reached Darlington, Durham, and the flag from Milton, Kent, will soon be unfurled at Milton, on the South Coast.

These are the more recent exchanges of the flags, and the interchange of letters, photographs, and many thousands of post-cards will add interest to the Empire Day celebrations in various parts of the world. Nearly 300 flags have now been exchanged, and probably nearly three-quarters of a million of children and adults have attended the ceremonies.