

in the future, for to-day passes away so quickly that we are scarce conscious of its presence. He who lives and thinks and acts for the future is he who will economize time and press into every moment the fullest activity of which he is capable.

The student should have something more in view during his four years' course than the acquisition of a degree. He should be a student of current events. During the past few months Winnipeg has been visited by Mr. Douglas, Mr. Reade, and Eugene V. Debs, all intent upon the solution of the great labor problem of to-day. On the other hand, we count ourselves fortunate in being able to hear the Rev. Dr. Sutherland present Christian socialism. We may not have the grievances of larger cities and in such aggravated forms, but we have enough to engage the mind of the observing student.

We believe Vox has a duty to perform in noting the trend of public thought and keeping in touch with every real, live issue that presents itself. We may not solve the problems, that we may leave for wiser heads, but we will try to heed those calls that lure us away from self, and bid us devote our strength and talents to the building of a nobler national manhood.

THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF OUR COLLEGE.

For some time we have been of the opinion that the intellectual life of our College is not what it should be. We do not mean to insinuate that we are not the intellectual equal of the other Colleges, for the University examination results of the last two years have established our claim to appear in the front ranks, but we do deprecate the fact that the examinations have been about the only place where our vitality has been shown. It is almost a libel on our College that this state of things has existed so long.

We must not suppose the College authorities are wholly to blame in this matter, for the great responsibility seems to us to rest on the students. It may be there has been no opportunity, but we should have made one. The Philosophical Society of Manitoba and Wesley Colleges has been a step in the right direction, where, by a discussion of practical themes, the student has had to travel out of the ordinary paths to fully gather material and information for the subject in hand.

There ought to be devised some method this year whereby the Literary Society could invite papers to be prepared and read, which would not merely mean so much time spent in their composition, but would result in something of practical value, as well as the general culture of the student.

A committee might be formed which could confer with some member or members of the Faculty, to see if something could be done in the way of a prize, that would be sure to call forth a liberal response from the students. Could a good competition be gotten, with competent judges to decide the literary merit of the composition, we believe a good deal would be accomplished to better the present state of affairs.

OUR WAR.

That dream of universal peace, when the war drum would throb no longer, seems not to find its fulfilment in the present. Almost simultaneously with the rising of the Peace Conference at The Hague comes the strutting ultimatum from President Kruger that has roused the militarism of Britain to war heat.