

plished. The Army itself is the greatest object lesson in this respect. The Army ultimately asks only one question, "are you a man?" If one is able to answer satisfactorily, there is no difficulty in finding a place for him in this most complex of all human organizations. Though composed of men of all creeds, races and types, its multitudinous ramifications all return to one centre from which its entire economy and every move are directed. That such an organization could have been completed in the space of three brief years is the one answer necessary to the belief once current in Germany that the decadence of the British people had reached a final and hopeless stage. It is also a standing rebuke to those who belittle the "brass hat." Whoever has moved for even one day along the lines of communication, and observed the bewildering complexity of this thing that has absorbed so much of our manhood and womanhood, has seen what men can do when they "get together" in a cause which God can approve.

Yet another object lesson is seen in the work accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. The writer is not one of those who makes a fetish of this institution. He has seen its work and knows for a fact that it is by no means perfect. Those who have made it what it is need not assume for themselves any superiority. What they have done could have been done, and possibly better done, by the Churches—if *they had learned how to "get together."* The Y. M. C. A. has discovered this secret, the lack of which is the curse of the Churches. Because it was undivided this organization could formulate a unified policy. Because, for the same reason, it could formulate a policy that was broadly humanitarian and expressive of the fundamental Christian ideals, it has drawn men of all kinds into its support.

In the recent Y. M. C. A. drive in the United States, when fifty million dollars was raised for its war-work, a captain of one of the most successful teams was the managing director of a brewery. The Y. M. C. A. uses everybody to whom it can communicate its own enthusiasm for good works. And because it can command this support, it is able to do