

an environment, they may go forth as apostles of the Brotherhood of Man to usher in the reign of universal peace."

One cannot think of a more striking illustration of the far-reaching influence of a university than the establishment of the Rhodes scholarships by this seer of modern times, who thought in continents and campaigned for the centuries unborn.

When we are considering our colleges we are touching the sources of destiny, both of Church and State.

The basic problems of this nation are not economic but spiritual: they are not primarily the development of our natural resources but rather the development of the character of the citizens of the commonwealth.

Therefore the Church of Christ has a predominant part to play in the solving of these great problems and thereby moulding the destiny of the nation.

The Methodist Church cannot hope to play a central part in this work of nation building after the pattern of the Kingdom of God unless it has competent leadership.

Great movements are the biographies of mighty men. The imperative need of the Christian Church to-day is an adequate force of strong, trained, consecrated leaders.

The success of the Church depends largely on leadership. The personal equation is all important. Get a sufficient supply of the right type of men for leadership and already the problem is solved, the task is practically accomplished.

"If our Church is to accomplish great things it must be entrusted to the care of great souls, rich in illumination and in intense and pure desire."

When we realize that the minister is the natural leader of the organized religious forces of the community, and understand that there is a dearth of candidates for the ministry in all denominations, we are driven to the conclusion that the paramount need of the Church is an adequate force of strong, trained, consecrated men for Christian leadership.

And Methodism cannot produce and develop these leaders without Methodist colleges.

It has been shown that over 90 per cent. of our ministers and missionaries come from institutions under Church control. Between the years 1904 and 1909 the North-Western University, our Methodist institution at Evanston, furnished four-fifths as many recruits for the foreign mission field as all the state institutions of the United States combined and two of our smaller Methodist colleges in the same period furnished more missionary candidates by five than all the state institutions.

Our Methodist colleges are not only the prolific sources of supply of our ministers and missionaries, veritable nurseries of the prophets, but they also supply the discipline and training necessary to religious leadership in the twentieth century.

Our latest statistics indicate that under the control of our branch of Methodism we have seventeen colleges, with 267 professors and teachers, 5,136 students, with 616 pursuing theological studies.

Our total educational assets are estimated at \$7,200,391, compared with \$3,408,346 four years ago and also unpaid

reliable subscriptions secured of \$1,280,606, compared with \$183,500 four years ago.

We strongly commend our Methodist colleges to those of our young people who desire some training of their faculties, some enrichment of personality, that they may more effectually serve in their day and generation.

We do earnestly plead with every Methodist Sunday school and Epworth League, by a generous offering to the Educational Fund, to show practical sympathy with this work of training over five thousand of our young people for life service in the atmosphere of a Christian college.

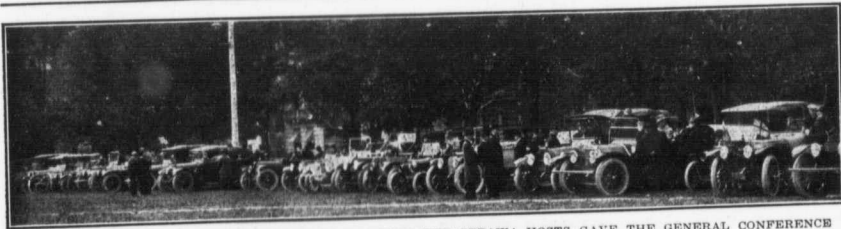
We do not desire a state-aided Church in Canada, and therefore the Methodist people must loyally support their own institutions that are at the very foundation of the Church's work at home and abroad.

The Book of Power

"The Bible not only has power to awaken conscience; it likewise has power to vitalize. It requires life to communicate life. Emerson said of the words of Montaigne: "They are vascular. Cut them, and they will bleed." How much more truly may we say that of the writings which comprise the Bible. They are vascular, they vibrate with vitality. Cut them, and they will bleed. They are leaping out from life to life wherever they go among the nations. Wherever this river travels, there comes vitality. Take even the literature of our day that comes with greatest helpfulness, and that seems to touch the sleeping conscience, it is the literature in which we find embodied the ideals and ideas of the Bible. Take the non-Christian religions, those sections of them which are manifesting renewed enterprise and activity. I make bold to say it is always where the Bible has been given the largest right of way.

"So it is throughout Christendom. Those churches which are most formal and lifeless, and which, apparently, lack propagating power, are those which are most ignorant of these writings. Here is vitality: "Thou hast the words of eternal life." "My words are spirit, and they are life."

"The Bible has energizing power as well. Huxley said that the only true education is that which enables a man to do what he knows he ought to do, at the time he ought to do it, regardless of the consequences. I would emphasize that the Bible, as no other writing, communicates power, enabling men to take that difficult step which you and I are called on to take many times each day, the step between knowing our duty and doing it. It is at this point that the other religions so hopelessly break down, according to their own confession. They tantalize their followers. I have talked with thousands of them, and I am in a position to know. What sinful men up and down this world want is not more teaching as to what they ought to do and be, in higher ideals and in fresh examples, but power: which never fails to move men with awe, God has been pleased in all these years to communicate most largely His impulse and irresistible energy through these vital pages that we scatter at times. I think, so carelessly among the nations."—*Dr. John R. Mott.*



SOME OF THE ONE HUNDRED AUTOMOBILES IN WHICH THE OTTAWA HOSTS GAVE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE A DELIGHTFUL DRIVE