

has not yet found adequate utterance in words, but, when it does, will greatly strengthen every religious impulse and give new comfort and inspiration to the tried and the weary.

Such knowledge is too deep to be brought home to the God hungry hearts of men, save by one who is heir to the best religious discipline of the age.

Then, too, the surging tides of humanity drawn out of old home lands by the lure of larger life and richer opportunity and the deepening social aspirations of the common man everywhere have brought us problems fraught with mighty issues for weal or woe. To understand these questions and find answers for them is the task of the prophet of our time. To avoid hot-headed rant on one hand and fat-hearted self-complacency on the other, he must have a mind richly stored with the wisdom and the experience of the past. Only such a mind can weigh and estimate aright the forces that are at work within us and about us in society. But joined to the culture of the mind must go the culture of the heart, that the whole nature may be responsive to the purposes of God, whether revealed in direct communion with Him, or, where he so often speaks, in the upward struggles of the common man.

Again, whether we will or no, we are all cosmopolitan in experience, whatever we may be in outlook. The whole world ministers to our daily needs and we jostle the citizens of every land on the street. Yet we may journey round the world laying tribute for our pleasures and our needs upon every part of it and remain parochial or even sel-centred in our sympathies.

What does this annihilation of space, this conquest of time, what do these world-wide movements mean? What new duties and possibilities do they bring to us? The man whose time is largely filled with the crowding cares of a business life, cannot be expected to answer these questions from first hand study. He has a right to look for guidance to men of prophetic spirit who are giving their lives to this service for their fellow men. But these will be mere blind leaders of the blind, unless they are trained by careful study of the world movements of the past, to see God's purposes in the great things that are happening here and now.

Thus our most insistent prayer in this formative period of our country must ever be for prophets to our age. And when we get