

Take a country like Japan; I made an investigation and I found that the proportion of students in the government colleges who are Christians, is over thirty times greater than the proportion of men who are not students who are Christians.

When I was in India, in the Madras presidency, I was impressed to find that in Madras university one in twelve are Christians; a far greater proportion than you will find among the uneducated class of the Indian Empire. So it is all over the world. There is a movement on foot today that is nothing less than remarkable; away from the non-Christian movements; away from irreligion and indifference concerning it, toward a vital faith in Christ and His teachings—it is nothing less than remarkable.

I have had the privilege of visiting British universities many times and my last visit to Oxford and Cambridge and the Scottish universities convinced me that there had been no time like the present decade in the activity of the religious life. Even in the most unlikely, in Paris, it is awakening. I can remember when I first visited the University of Paris, it was with great difficulty we got together twelve young men; these young men trembled as they faced their task, but the number has now grown from twelve to two hundred and it has leaped out into other centres in Paris and other parts of France.

Not long ago, when I was in Rome, there came together both Protestants and Catholics, and we sat together in council about the moral and religious life of the students. This movement brings together the genuine Christians of all names.

Not long ago there met in Constantinople delegates from thirty-three nations, in this movement—meeting within the gates of the Mohammedan world, representing the universities and colleges, and there we had all kinds of Christians. There were represented fifty-two different branches of our Protestant religion, although the whole number of delegates was only a little over 200; we had representatives from Armenia, Russia and from Greece and Servia—members from the Roman Catholic churches, from the Jacobite and other churches. I suppose not since the early times of Christianity have so many come together to talk about the great things we have in common—the common Christ, and our desire to become like Him.