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The section to which I have been assigned considered today "diplomatic relations"; very well worded speeches were made by a number of college professors. I have nothing but admiration for the vocabulary with which these gentlemen have been endowed. It is wonderful and involved to an extent of incoherency to the lay mind. One conclusion, however, stood out, that was that diplomacy had failed; what the world was to substitute for it was not apparent but several professors more than hinted that if the nations would leave these international questions to them everything would be satisfactory.

I read a speech by Mr. Beatty sometime ago to the students of McGill outlining that it was after a young man left the university that his education began, his previous experience being merely a mental training. These professors, learned able men, who have however never left the university atmosphere, seem to be afflicted from an arrested educational development when it comes to practical matters. Theories, ideals, sublime but impractical in that they totally ignore the human side, fall from their lips with an engaging plausibility, and clothed in splendid language. The elements of greed, selfishness, aggression, etc., etc., are entirely ignored. Utopian dreams never materialized this side of Paradise - They get, however, the fervid endorsement of the lady delegates. A medical gentleman from Boston says the female delegation are either hermaphrodites or emotional idiots. Having no means of making a physical examination I am unable to substantiate this, but "they have the look of it" as Mike Reardon used to say.

President Wilbur of Leland Stanford University presided. He is a "He man" and a "Go-getter" with a small head and a retreating brow and chin. It is a type popular just now in the U.S. He presides with dignity and a solemnity that so far has only been achieved by the owl - Minerva's constant companion. We all take ourselves seriously however as becomes our responsibilities. I regret to report certain symptoms of levity and irreverence on the part of Sir A. Currie and Jack Nelson as the sessions wear on. Sir. F. Whyte looks bored but so far he has kept awake which is greatly to his credit - Good breeding will tell.

The Chinese delegates are Christians recruited mostly from the Y.M.C.A. native workers and teachers from the Missions. How far they represent the heathen that compose the large majority of their nationals or the Chinese merchant class can be left to the imagination.

The Japs however, while they have a sprinkling of this class, have evidently been selected by their Govt. They say little. They are here evidently with a watching brief not to assist but rather to see that no harm comes to them by the propogandists.