

heard the chancellor of one of the great universities say that it has well nigh the monopoly of the cultivation of the moral and religious side of the student life as a whole. Another one said his university might better lose any six professors than its student confederation.

When I was on my second visit to Japan, I had an interesting conversation with the minister of education at that time, and I explained to him the methods of carrying on this work. I told him I was there representing the students of other nations, and I wanted their government to understand everything I was there to stand for, and I explained what was being done in other nations, and what we hoped to do for Japan. He was not a religious man, but when we had finished he said it must be by some such energy as I was presenting that the moral life of the students of Japan should be conserved, and he gave me his full influence. He opened the door of the university to us, and the hall was crowded; and we now have branches of this association in not only the universities of Japan and all the higher schools, but in nineteen out of twenty of the government, or non-Christian colleges. It means much that this agency is so securely planted there.

It has been said that the college is a "place of education, a place of society and a place of religion." I sometimes think we forget the first of these in this part of the world. A student from one of our American universities wrote home that "Yale was a pretty good place if it were not for the lectures and the recitations." It reminds me of a student in one of our other colleges who said, "If we are not careful, Wilson will make this an educational institution." But, happily, the colleges are still a place of education. That the colleges are also places of religion is traceable to the strong working of this movement.

There is a great religious movement among the students. An editor in the state of Maine wrote me asking me to give him some facts showing the increase of infidelity and scepticism among the students. I wrote him that I was sorry I could not give him the information he wanted—I was sorry in a way that I couldn't oblige him—but that the universities were becoming less and less the homes of such things as that. I said they were the most religious places in the world. I think the facts show that more students are Christians, than any other class of people among the nations.