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Editorials.

COLLEGE men and women have the future of their country in their own hands. For Canadian students the message of Christmas has an especial meaning. To us it is given to take a part in determining the course of a young nation newly awakened to a sense of life and strength. The day is past when any nation is saved by the mere preaching of the Gospel. It is in the national practice of its truth that the hope of Canada lies. With its complex racial problems, our country can attain permanent greatness only on a high plane of Christianity. Its practice will be hard enough, its problems difficult enough, to test the bravest spirits and the keenest minds, and this is the task which students in particular must take up. We are accustomed to think that there is among us a class of men whose work it is to deal with the moral problems of the nation, but more and more it is becoming evident that they alone are insufficient to maintain a pure national life. Canada must look to those who lead her thought, and who carry out her national enterprises, for the solutions of her problems. The present students are those who must soon enter the governing body of the nation, and on whom its future depends. They are the leaders of the communities in which they live and their influence is exerted according to their outlook upon life. If any student has any hope for his native land, it must be in the message proclaimed long ago. No amount of natural resources, or business alertness can overcome a defect of morals in the national life. There is this to be said at Queen's, that we do not consider any student, a typical graduate either in arts, science, or medicine, who does not go out from the university with some definite faith in the pre-eminence of Christian ideals as a necessity in the individual and national life. The old student was a hermit; the tendency of to-day is that he become a specialist or materialist just as far removed from sympathy for and interest in his fellows. Either type is a hindrance to the growth of the nation; and it is just possible that the old retiring, scholarly recluse was a greater benefit to the people, than many of the aggressive, self-centred and irresponsible men and women of to-day.