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When Dr. Wood appeared upon the platform at the closing exercises of the University those who had never seen him before were struck with his resemblance in face and form to Dr. A. J. Gordon. While this similarity is not so marked as first impressions would indicate, in point of spiritual temper the two men were much alike. There is the same reverence of attitude, the same warmth of personal experience, suffusing all thinking and doing, the same calmness and poise of disposition. Here, however, the two characters part company. Dr. Wood approaches his problems from an altogether different standpoint and builds his argument upon a different front of the four square rock of truth. Like Dr. Gordon he is a great believer in missions and, a year ago, presented a statesmanlike scheme to the Northern Societies at their anniversary meetings, the discussion of which is still on. In his theology he is equally evangelical, less pietistic and more philosophical than Dr. Gordon. In a community like Boston the two men would admirably supplement each other's influence.

Dr. Wood illustrates a great movement in the social forces of the United States. He was born in 1849 on a farm in the fertile and fecund middle west. His father was a preacher, of New England ancestry. It is this New England stock moved west which gives to Ohio and surrounding States their tremen-