

great movement—nearly all of them being undergraduates; that does not include hundreds of thousands who have graduated. This is a mighty combination for good among the nations. This is a student enterprise. While we have the counsel and sympathy of the discerning masters, of no matter what religion, and it goes without saying in every Christian nation, the students have the leadership of the work. They carry it on and control it. That explains the enthusiasm.

There are two processes of making character; one we all have to subject ourselves to, that is, the process of rules and regulations of the powers that be. There is that side of the shaping of character, but there is another side which I believe is infinitely more important, and that is that which proceeds from within, the spirit which rises up in the young man and the young woman, and says "I ought, and I will"; where they take the responsibility for making character, and that is what makes people strong—when they take the initiative. This organization permits that great idea of student initiative. It is a federation—not an amalgamation—not an effort to crush the students of all races and nations into one group and one manner of expressing themselves.

Each nation has its own national Christian movement. In some places there are international grooves which they work out on the line of their own nationality, and especially it is so in this council of nations. You will find each nation, whether small or large, young or old, backward or forward, expresses itself in its own way.

When I am in Japan, I make up my mind this is a Japanese movement, and when I am in Australia that it is an Australian movement; when I am in Holland I think it is a Dutch movement. There is something that gives it a secure anchorage in each country. I have sometimes thought if it should die out in every other part of the world, it would leap out from one country and transplant itself into every nation. It does not try to disguise the fact that it is a Christian confederation; it has never apologised in any sense for the fact that it takes Jesus Christ for its great central figure, its great authority, its great source of energy. You would expect a confederation like this, with its high aims, would become a power in the world, and you are not disappointed in your expectation. Under the influences of this movement, the universities and colleges have become centres of moral and religious earnestness and energy. I