

ments of the same important means of leading the youth in the paths of truth and righteousness.

The World's Student Volunteer Society represents a great body of fifty-six thousand students in eleven different nations, of whom one thousand six hundred and eighty-six have volunteered for missionary service, and five hundred and sixty-five have already sailed for mission fields. Among these are three hundred and sixty-six women, one hundred and eighteen of whom are already in the mission field. In seeking especially to enlist student life in Christian service, the Association is securing the very best possible recruits for the moral conquest of the world. These men and women are among the intellectual *élite* of the age, not in natural endowment, but in the opportunity they enjoy. These are they who will largely mould the life and thought and character of the coming century, who will be the teachers and preachers, editors and statesmen, lawyers and physicians, engineers and scientists of the future, those under whose hand is placed the lever of more than Archimedean power to raise the world.

At the beginning of this century, and even much more recently, the colleges were honeycombed with infidelity. To attend college was the sole privilege of the sons of wealth, who were assailed with special temptations to extravagance and vice. To-day there is no class in the community which holds such lofty ideals, of which so many members are pronounced Christians, as college students. The colleges are no