

centre as your membership list shows it to be. This must be particularly gratifying to yourself, as I believe you are the one chiefly responsible for the successful issue of the affair."

This Centre is active and prosperous and promises a successful future. Besides what information I could obtain from the recorded transactions, I am indebted to Mr. E. M. McTavish, the excellent Secretary of the Victoria Centre; to Mr. C. E. Cotterrell, the first Secretary, and to Mr. McCurdy, the first Vice-President, for the facts pertaining to the formation of this Centre. Others have been equally helpful in supplying the data I have used, among whom I should mention Mr. H. R. Kingston, the energetic and efficient Secretary of the Winnipeg Centre.

It is Social and Political Science that presents those problems in relation to which we of this century must measure up or be condemned at the bar of all future judgment; and though we have already, even in its second decade, begun to

Wreck the towers of yesterday;
Scrap the dead past, and build the future new,

should we succeed thoroughly in such an enterprise, and fill the earth with justice, still, we say of Astronomy that for lofty conception; for induction of general principles from a multiplicity of varied detail; for grandeur of phenomena; for reverence in the presence of Universal Law; for sublimity of imagery and mathematical accuracy of calculation and prediction; Astronomy is still the Premier Science.

We may well quote here the words of Matthew Arnold:

"Weary of myself, and sick of asking
What I am, and what I ought to be,
At this vessel's prow I stand, which bears me,
Forward, forward, o'er the starlit sea.

"And a look of passionate desire
O'er the sea and to the stars I send:
'Ye who from my childhood up have calmed me,
Calm me, ah, compose me to the end!'

"'Ah, once more,' I cried, 'ye stars, ye waters,
On my heart your mighty charm renew;
Still, still let me, as I gaze upon you,
Feel my soul becoming vast like you.'"