

College Activities

"Work Does Good When Reasons Fail"

*"But he looked upon the city, every side
Far and wide,
All the mountains topped with temples, all the grades,
Colonnades,
All the causeys, bridges, aqueducts,—and then,
All the men!"*

Those who founded Westminster Hall had a vision of the West as it ought to be. Between the West that is and the ideal West lies history in the making, the work of men. What an important business is this history making! What is to be our share in it? Commenting upon Clive's work in India, Lord Macaulay says: "From his first visit to India dates the renown of the English arms in the East. From Clive's second visit to India dates the political ascendancy of the English in that country. From Clive's third visit to India dates the purity of the administration of our Eastern Empire." Nation building is within the power of individual men and it is our part to see to it that when "the tumult and the shouting dies" there will still remain "the humble and the contrite heart." It is ours to believe and to teach that "there is no Wealth but Life," that "the maximum of Life can only be reached by the maximum of Virtue." To the students of Westminster Hall comes the challenge of the West. "Among the hills and happy greenwood of this land of yours shall the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; and in your cities shall the stones cry out against you, that they are the only pillows where the Son of Man can lay His head?" And the world is bigger than the West. To him who listens there is a voice, "Go thou forth weeping, bearing precious seed, until the time come, and the Kingdom, when Christ's gift of bread and bequest of peace shall be unto this last as unto thee, and when for earth's severed multitudes of the wicked and the weary, there shall be holier reconciliation than that of the narrow home, and calm economy, where the Wicked cease—not from trouble, but from troubling—and the weary are at rest."