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"A spiral winds from the world to the sun's
And every star that shines,
In the path of degrees forever runs
And the spiral octave climbs"

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

The New Thought Convention, to which reference was made in February issue of THE REALM, was held in the large hall of the Alliance of Divine Unity, Hartford, Conn., on the 21st and 22nd of that month. We are glad to announce that the attendance was both large and enthusiastic at every session, and that the conference was successful in every way. Its most important and direct result was the formation of an international metaphysical league, which will hold yearly conventions and serve as a basis of operations and a source of inspiration to affiliated individuals and organizations in every land where the New Metaphysics has gained a foothold.

Paul Tyner, editor of the *Arena*, says in a private letter:

"The formation of the international league means a new and important chapter in the movement. It is at last placed on its right basis. Properly organized and directed, it seems very certain that hundreds of small organizations scattered all over the country will be glad to come into the league and be energized by its spirit. Those of us who understand how much concentration means in individual work must readily see that the formation of the league gives the New Thought the much-needed power of centralized organization."

"The term *International* may seem somewhat ambitious for immediate use, but it is a suggestive fact that a letter was received from Toronto, Canada, not a half-hour after it was determined upon, urging that it be adopted.

"Pending its approval by the next convention, the name *International Metaphy-*

sical League was adopted, and a somewhat informal organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President Charles Brodie Patterson, of New York; vice-president, Henry S. Taft, of Providence; secretary, Warren A. Rodman, of Boston; assistant secretary, Harry Gestefeld, of New York; treasurer, William E. Uptegrove, of Brooklyn. Executive Committee: Miss Esther Henry, of Hartford; Miss Georgina I. S. Andrews, of New York; Dr. J. W. Winkley, of Boston; George Alexander, of Providence; John W. Hussey, of Brooklyn; Bolton Hall, of New York; Miss Helen M. Dyer, of Philadelphia; Miss Minnie S. Davis, of Springfield; Albert Pausch, of Hartford; Paul Tyner, of Boston; Miss Sarah J. Farmer, of Eliot, Me., and Mrs. Mary E. Chapin, of Boston."

"The next convention will be held in Boston some time late in October; and it is confidently expected that not only will all sections of the United States be well represented, but that there will be delegates from Canada, Europe and other countries. The secretary's office is at 201 Clarendon street, Boston, Mass., and all interested in the movement are requested to communicate with him, or at least to send their addresses so that information concerning the October convention may be widely disseminated. That convention will be a very large and important one, and will open up a rich field for co-operative work among those desiring to render service of the very highest type in the evolution of man's finer nature and his higher powers."—*Miner*.

Major Hutton advocates for Canada a standing army of 200,000 men. If Major Hutton had stated that 200,000 of the most helpless men in Canada should be placed on the salary list of the Dominion Government the suggestion might be worthy of consideration, but 200,000 able-bodied men to be supported at the expense of the wage-earners of Canada cannot commend itself to the thinking community.

The *Bobcaygeon Independent* proves its right to the name *Independent* by its fearless, outspoken denunciation of the military system, especially at the present time, when heads of educational systems, unchecked, are inculcating in the minds of the young a love of military display, instead of mental and moral unfoldment; when even churches with Christian attached are outvying and in many instances competing with the military institutes in organizing their boys' brigades. The *Independent* says: "In Europe there are a million men engaged as soldiers, and those million men have to be clothed and boarded at the expense of the working classes. Those million men, who earn nothing, have to be fed by the wage-earners, laborers and producers, who

each have to work long hours and earn scant wages. The truth is beginning to dawn upon the minds of the wage-earning class that they have no interest in maintaining soldiers. What good, wise and right-thinking men should do is to discountenance in every possible manner a taste for militarism. A soldier should be regarded as an abomination, and his social status should be below that of the night emptier of cesspools."

In a late interview with W. T. Stead the Czar of Russia in substance said:

"I look out over the world, I study our civilization, and I do not find it very good. I see nations all engaged in seizing, or trying to seize, all territory not yet occupied by European powers. I look at the results. They do not seem to me to be good. For the native races what does imperial expansion mean? Too often opium, alcohol, and all manner of foul diseases, a great gulf between the governed and those who rule, and crushing taxation upon the natives for the blessings of this civilization. And for the nations who seize, what does it mean? A continual increase of suspicion, jealousy and rivalry, the heaping up of fleets and armies in order to take part in a scramble with the world, with the result that the army and navy are swallowing up more and millions that should be used for the welfare of the people and the advancement of the world."

"On top are a very few rich and comfortable; down below, with an ever increasing pressure of taxes for armaments, is the great mass of poor people, whose position is not very good. There is an ever increasing multitude of those below, with their brooding discontent ripening into Socialism and developing into all kinds of Anarchy."

"No, I do not find our civilization good. Why do we make it so? We have at the present moment arrived at this stage that we have put all our very best manhood in the army."

"War has become so expensive that no state can stand the strain of protracted war without having to look bankruptcy in the face. Even if that army be victorious, the war will have inflicted irreparable loss on the country."

"What with discontent caused by mobilizing, what with empty exchequer, what with decimated ranks of leading and governing men, I see nothing before any nation but a terrible heritage of revolutionary Anarchy."

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