

THE WORLD PROBLEM

that all lines of truth would ultimately be found to centre in God and culminate in higher harmony, led him to ask his school teacher about the propriety of writing a treatise on "The Unity of Ultimate Science and Ultimate Religion"! The teacher, a magnificent scholar, but through frail health a "stickit minister," smiled a dampening smile and suggested that the subject was large and would require some time. The boy has taken just fifty years to the task!

At the end of the sixties, when a student in Germany, teaching English to a nobleman to make expenses, he fell into conversation one day with a visitor, a Professor of Political Economy in the University of Leipzig—their subject, the phases of civilization peculiar to America:

"And what," he asked, "are you preparing for?"

"I expect to preach the Gospel," replied the Canadian student.

"Ach warum?" exclaimed the professor. "Why throw your life away at that?"

"But what is larger and more important than the preaching of divine truth and a better life?" interposed the student.

"Nein! that is the work for womanish men; this is the day for world politics, world problems, the play of international forces. That would give you a career," declared the professor.

The upshot was that the young man determined to preach the Christ he loved as the world-force, supreme both within and beyond the range of political, international forces, the universal Lord of man, omnipotent in creative love.