

forces of the different nations. As they are, so are the nations. They are centres of power. All of this attaches particular importance to the attitude of students of our various colleges in the different nations toward Jesus Christ, and the religion which He founded. Are the students of the different nations losing their interest in His religion, or is Christ year by year strengthening His hold upon the thinking young men and young women of the world?

This is a very important question, regardless of our religious views, and the only way to consider a matter like this is the open-minded spirit which characterises our colleges and schools.

That the students in the colleges are very deeply interested in Christ is shown by the calling together of the great inter-collegiate Christian student movement. It is known as the "World's Student Christian Federation." Each one of these words suggests something to us. It is not an Anglo-Saxon Student Federation, although you will find it in every university in the British Isles, every one in the United States, and practically in every one east of here in the Dominion of Canada, in Australia and New Zealand; it commands the Anglo-Saxon student world; but it is not an Anglo-Saxon federation. It is not a German federation, although it is found in all the schools of Germany; it is not a Scandinavian federation; nor is it for Latin students alone, although I find special work being done in the great universities in Paris and France, in Switzerland and in Italy, and even among the students of Latin-America. It is not an Oriental student federation, although it has hundreds of branches in Japan and China, also throughout the Indian Empire, and other countries such as the Turkish empire, and other parts of the non-Christian empires of the world. It is a World Federation of Students. Isn't it a striking fact that the first idea to unite the students of all nations was the program of Jesus Christ? Not even college athletics, not even the fraternal societies, not the convivial societies all over the Continent and Europe, nor the patriotic societies—no one of these has yet succeeded in translating itself into the terms of the students of the world—but the religious idea, the making of character—this has drawn the students together.

And notice, it is a *Student* combination. While thousands of professors and masters have counted it a pleasure to number themselves with the students, there are at least 150,000 members in this