

CENTURY FUND NOTES.

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I cannot speak for other churches, or other professions or occupations; but I protest that the situation in the church to which I have the honor to belong, does not furnish legitimate material for "pointing a moral," such as an evening contemporary indulged in, assuming that the misleading statement of "Canada" was correct.

It is a highly suggestive article on "The Statesmanship of Paul" which Professor Ramsay contributes to the "Contemporary." Paul, he urges, was much more than a Jew. "The Roman idea" had a strong hold upon him. Paul, even before his conversion, saw that Judaism in the midst of Roman society must assimilate that society, and raise it to a higher level, or it must perish. His conversion on which Professor Ramsay says some interesting things, only made him more clearly conscious of the true nature of his own ideal. "There lay," he says, "in St. Paul's mind from infancy, implanted in him by inheritance from his Tarsian Jewish parents, nourished in him by the surroundings of his childhood, modified and re-directed by the marvellous circumstances of his conversion, the central and guiding and impelling thought that the religion revealed to the Hebrew race must conquer and govern the Roman world (which, ultimately, would mean the whole world), and that the realization of this idea was the Kingdom of God." The direction of Paul's mission journeys, Professor Ramsay attempts to show, was determined by this inspiring purpose.