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THE THINKER.

We hear many times of late that the days of the present constitute the most trying period that the world has ever known. Even into the comparatively secluded realm of college life come the clamorings of a great mass of people in a state of violent unrest.

It should not be difficult for the upperclassmen to recall the chapel service a few years ago, when Fred B. Smith spoke so earnestly from the platform in the old Willis Hall chapel, and told the students assembled there, that within the next few years would take place events that would be surpassed by nothing in history; such events that would change the whole course of human activities and principles. And you will remember that he also said that these same days of great conflict and unrest would be the mighty force and power that would test out the value of the liberal arts education. The speaker made that group of students in that room on that bright morning, feel that they were given a great power in directing the course of the world. They applauded with a genuine feeling of response to the spirit of high purpose that they held in common and remained true to. They were preparing to meet the great emergency that was just a short way ahead.

The crisis came and it is still with us. Many of those students who applauded that morning, are now in positions of high trust or great honor in the service of their country, applying those ideals which had grown upon them in the atmosphere of Carleton College.

There are some of us who are still grasping after the high principles of liberal arts, believing that we will be better fitted to serve our bit in the problems of the world. It is not time for idle sentiment. The moment is worthy only of a man or woman who can think and does think for himself.

The real question that is confronting us today is: Are we as students of an institution that has been built up thru the efforts and ideals of great men, going to prove to the world that we are fit and capable of meeting this crisis with the spirit and determination that rang in the voices of Fred B. Smith's hearers? Has there begun to creep into the souls of Carleton students the fear that their culture has been in vain? Are we losing confidence in the uplifting power of a broad sympathetic vision of life?

If such is the case, it is because we have ceased to think and think soberly. We have not faced the great events of the War and placed them in the light of our training. We have a tendency to turn away from the naked meaning of it all, and try to forget.

Therein lies the cause for all this restless, uncertain feeling that prevails among our students, and drives away the desire for study. Whenever there comes a little ripple in the self-satisfaction of an individual as regards his relation to the War, he is immediately swept off his weak foundation, because he has not enough faith in the principles that he is supposed to possess as a college student.

America is looking to her educated men for salvation in this strife. She needs them to help hold high the noble ideal that her President has set forth for the winning of the War. The nation looks upon the college man as a thinker, and unless she finds him such, the college student can never make good in the way that Fred B. Smith said he would.

If there are any men in Carleton today who have an over share of this belief that they are not doing the right thing by remaining in college, and more than that, if there is any man here, who after thinking the situation over seriously, is uncertain as to his duty, it is better for Carleton and the man himself that he leave at the earliest possible convenience, and remove from the men who are sure of their stand, any irritation that might in any way tend to injure their purpose.

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RELIGIOUS**TELLS OF STUDENT VOLUNTEER MEETING****MISS SIMONSON RELATES EXPERIENCES AT CONFERENCE OF COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

Miss Estelle Simonson, who recently returned from the Student Volunteer conference at East Northfield, Massachusetts, reports that the conference was a wonderful experience for all who attended it. Miss Simonson was one of the five hundred delegates chosen from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who met to consider the altered world situation and the problems connected with it.

Stay at Seminary Dormitories.
"All the meetings of the conference were held in the Russell-Sage Chapel of the Northfield Seminary," said Miss Simonson in an interview, "and the delegates stayed in dormitories on the seminary campus. John R. Mott was chairman of the conference. His wonderful personality was felt by every one who attended the meetings. Other speakers who brought vital messages were Robert E. Speer, Bishop McDowell, Dr. Merrill, and President Mackenzie.

Spirit Wonderful.
"The conference was wonderful, not only because of the speakers, but because of the keen, earnest, live young people who were there. They were alive to the present-day conditions, and they were eager to prepare themselves for every form of service. The delegates included students, professors, student association secretaries, and leaders in missionary activities in North America.

Appeal for Leadership.
"The spirit of intercessory prayer pervaded all the meetings. Every speaker made an appeal to the college students to accept the leadership which the world expects from them. The International Y. M. C. A. quartette sang at all the meetings, and every song they sang was a real message."

Miss Simonson went to Massachusetts with a group of delegates from the Middle West. Minnesota sent seven delegates—one from Macalester, one from St. Olaf, one from Carleton, and four from the University of Minnesota.

FORMER CITY PASTOR SPEAKS AT VESPERS

Dr. McConnell of Providence, Rhode Island, Tells of New World of Ideals.

Dr. James E. McConnell, of Providence, Rhode Island, formerly pastor of the Congregational church of Northfield, was the speaker at the Vesper service last Sunday afternoon. His text was II Peter 3:13: "We look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

"In these words," said Dr. McConnell, "we see that the structure of the earth gave way before Peter's mind. Peter wrote more wisely than he himself knew. The establishment of an inward passion for righteousness was foretold by him. At present we are not seeing the destruction of the material world, but we are seeing great changes taking place about us. The present crisis is the beginning of a new age."

"The first aspect of the new earth is the universal democratizing of institutions. The war began with a quarrel between two countries, but gradually it has been dawning on people that the struggle was imposed upon the world by the pride and tyranny of autocracy. Unless the mass of the world will change, the days of the demagogue are nearing an end. This will not mean that the world will be a paradise, but it will mean that conditions will be supplied for an earth where no such war will again be possible. The church will be more active politically, and the party spirit will be insignificant."

"The second aspect of the new earth will be better industrial and social conditions. Some experiments in socialism have already been tried—why may not the experiments be extended to public utilities?"

"The third and fourth aspects of this earth, according to the speaker, would be the regulation of the traffic of intoxicating liquors, and the granting of suffrage to women."

"Signs of a possible fifth aspect," said Dr. McConnell, "are beginning to appear. It is concerned with more pronounced unity among Christian churches. We are challenged by this war to accept vital fellowship with God. We must have a great religion to meet a great need. The new earth for which the early Christian looked has been long in coming, and it may not be in our time. However, the time in which it is being born is no time for conscientious objectors, and we must each do our share to hasten the coming of the new age."

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CHINESE WORKER SPEAKS

Mr. Chuan Tells Carleton Y. M. C. A. of Relations Between America and His Country.

Mr. S. J. Chuan, secretary of the Chinese Students' Christian Association, was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. meeting held in Williams Hall last Wednesday evening. Mr. Chuan said that altho this was his first visit to Carleton he was not entirely ignorant of the place, for he knew some of Carleton's alumni.

The speaker spoke of China, his own country, in its relation to the United States. He pointed out how much China relied on the United States. In the fact that this country is educating many of China's students, the speaker explained, would come much benefit to America, because it would form a closer link between his country and ours, commercially and in many ways. His plea was for us to think of ourselves as children of the world and thru great international minds to settle all difficulties.

Sunday's Organ Recital.
Next Sunday afternoon, at 4:30, Mr. Wood will play the following as an organ prelude to the Vesper Service:
Cantilena Meyer-Helmund
O Gott du frommer Gott Karg-Elert
Adoration Borowski
Organ Postlude—Torchlight Barton

\$25 Offered Student For Temperance Essay

A prize of \$25.00 is not to be turned lightly aside in these "less" days. Any student who is interested in original composition, or has ability as a writer may be interested in the prize which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Minnesota is offering this year.

The twenty-five dollar prize is offered for the best essay written on the general theme of temperance to be submitted before June 15, 1918. Several topics suggested are, "Nation-wide Prohibition as a War Measure," "Internal Revenue as effected by Prohibition," "Beer versus Whisky," "Elimination of Alcohol from the American Army and Navy," and "Conservation of the Child."

Oscar Christenson, a St. Olaf student, won the prize last year. The winning essay is sent to the national contest to compete for a prize of \$100. Rules for the contest will be found on the bulletin board in the library.

AIMS TO HELP SENIORS.

Employment Service Carried On By Government to Fill Jobs.

Doubtless many students know something of the United States Employment Service, that branch of our national government operating some eighty-five public (free) employment offices thruout the United States. We believe, however, that very few know that at one of these offices, that at Chicago, Illinois, a section has been set apart for the sole benefit of professional men and women, known as the Teachers' and Professional Service Division. Thru this division the government endeavors to find suitable positions for teachers and professional engineers (draftsmen, civil, mechanical, electrical engineers, chemists, metallurgists, etc.), and suitable persons for school officers and employers needing such help. In a few words, this division is a Teachers' and Engineering Agency, operated by the United States government.

Dr. P. B. Prentiss, acting director of employment for Illinois, under whose jurisdiction this division is operated, reports that during the past year it has been found impossible to find enough teachers to supply the need, and many attractive positions thruout the United States have been unfilled for this reason. It has frequently happened, however, that immediately after a position has been reported filled thru other sources, a suitable candidate would effect registration. Of course it was then too late to nominate the teacher for that particular position. Dr. Prentiss earnestly hopes that such occasions may be quite infrequent during the 1918-19 appointment season.

The GRAND Quality Attractions

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and the fourth episode of
"The Battle of Arras"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
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This picture opens at the Strand, Minneapolis, January 27
MATINEES MONDAYS AND SATURDAYS. SPECIAL MATINEE THURSDAY

No Show on Tuesdays Until April 2nd

This can only be accomplished by every available teacher being registered in the division before the opening of the appointment season. We therefore suggest that you write to Dr. Prentiss immediately for a registration blank. Then, when the appointment season opens in April or May, your record will be complete and the division may be able to nominate you for the first suitable position reported. Registration in the Teachers' and Professional Service Division will also benefit you in other ways for, should you learn of a position for which you would like to apply thru any other source, the division will, if asked, send copies of your confidential record to the school officer to whom the application is made.

What has been said above in regard to teachers applies with equal force to the other professions cared for by this division. Altho this phase of the work was not commenced until October, 1917, the demand for mechanical engineers, designers, draftsmen, chemists and metallurgists has been far greater than the supply. To our seniors we say, "If you are preparing for any branch of the engineering profession, register with the division as soon as possible." To our alumni we say, "If you are dissatisfied with your present position, write to Dr. Prentiss at once for a registration blank. The division has some very attractive positions listed, and it may be possible for you to secure one of these."

Any communications intended for this division should be addressed: "Teachers' and Professional Service Division, U. S. Employment Service, 845 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois." Applicants for registration should indicate the kind of work desired so that the proper blank may be sent. It will be a convenience to the division if you will enclose with your letter a self-addressed legal size (4 1/2 x 8 1/2) envelope with a three-cent stamp affixed.

U. of Minnesota:

The contract for making the huge Minnesota service flag has been awarded to a St. Paul concern. The cost of the flag is estimated at \$150.00.

Lawrence:

The first of a series of monthly all college parties was held in the Lawrence gymnasium last week. This was a masquerade party and proved to be one of the most informal and successful ever held at Lawrence.

WANT ADS

PROGRAMS for private or public entertainments, including ventriloquism, impersonation, magic and rapid cartooning, furnished by Karel Rickerson, the variety entertainer. Engagements for 1917-18 now booking. Harry Liem, manager, Northfield, Minn.

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