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PROF. YOUNG SPEAKS.

At Assembly Wednesday, Prof. Young spoke to the students on progress of the world toward unity. When we have men of Professor Young's ability in our own Faculty, much as we enjoy hearing from some of our visitors, it is exceedingly pleasant to listen to our own people. Professor Young said:

Much is being said now-a-days in the press about the importance of an intelligent interest in the events of today as an essential part of education. This newspaper discussion is concerned mainly with increasing the attention to be given to current events in the elementary schools. **A large part of the training of a college student, to the end of his course has in view his preparation for assimilating the world tendencies, that he may promote those that are good and help to forestall those that are otherwise, all to his own advantage. You all hope soon to be thrust into positions of responsibility where you will direct affairs that have relations that reach to the uttermost parts of the earth. No work can be done now-a-days of any note that does not take cognizance of what is being done in that line the world over. Just to challenge your attention I will say that no live topic in commerce, science, invention or politics can be understood without tracing its relations to the farthest world limits.

I have noticed, and no doubt you have, too, that as soon as an individual of some years takes this position before you, and begins to open his mouth he is immediately reminded of how different things

are now from what they were when he was young.

What strikes me as the most important change that has come over the face of the world since the time when I was trying to do what you are doing, lies in what may be termed the greater unity of the world—the almost organic inter-relationship of its parts, and the inter-dependence of its peoples. Tennyson's "Parliament of Man" and federation of the world was a much hazier idea then than it is now. The world has been connecting up wonderfully during the last quarter of a century, and especially during the last five years. We had then what might be called world markets for a few staple commodities. * * * *

But world markets, such as they were, were about all we had of a world character twenty-five years ago.

Now we have world politics galore. We have been forcibly reminded of this recently by the discussions of the attitude of European nations toward us at the opening of the Spanish-American war. The announcement of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, to protect interests in China against the aggressions of Russia, and the note of Secretary Hay to Russia, goes to show how real and practical affairs in world politics have come to be. The solicitude with which the bulletins pertaining to the health of Tolstoi are read these days point to a world literature. The activity of churches in missionary fields shows the hope of a world religion. In monetary affairs, the gold standard is fast coming to be a world standard. There is some talk of a world language. Science has been international for some time. With all these increasingly intimate world relations, it follows that every enlightened individual must be cosmopolitan. This new cosmopolitanism that progress has forced upon us is not the old cosmopolitanism. The old implied a void of patriotism and indifference to and disgust with home affairs. This new cosmopolitanism is the complement and handmaid of patriotism. It means the gleanings of the fruits of achievement the world over in the interest of our highest welfare at home. * * *

A new pace of progress has been set in recent years by the United States. The leading nations are piqued at being left in the rear and are striving to regain lost advantages. No community and no nation is going to hold its own in the future unless its exploits are the best achieved, wherever it may be.

The dominant phase in this keen world rivalry today is an economic struggle. * * * The key to a conception of the world's activity of today is that of a stage on which the nations of the world

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