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HISTORY PRESERVES THE NAMES OF THE IDEALISTS．
The names of the men who are attempting to block the formation
the proposed League of Nations will be forgotten． this great instrument of advancement
Such was the rule long before Jushua and Caleb pleaded with the infaithful ten＂practical＂spies in their craven report advised the
${ }^{\text {to }}$ 品 baek into the darkness of Egyptian slavery There was a man who onee dreamed that he could make a machine
itrat would carry him upon the upper winds．＂Practical＂men
aughed at him．There was another man who dreamed that he aughed at him
would replace
still another man who dreamed that he would mend the shattered men who also laughed at him．
Galilee a Man who dreamed that He would become the rone thads Peace；that He would make all men brothers；that He would speak Him they crueified upon the Tree of Calvary；in strident laught soldiers divided His poor garment among then with the edges
their swords the Pharise seoffed at Him and challenged Him the eross on whieh He hung Abraham disputed with their neighbors for a pasture for thei
floeks．The world has never been so small that it eould not make rocks for the doontrers and the seoffers
But，thank God，it has also never been so large that it could lose aight of those whose faith was as the mountains are，whose hop
was as the sun in heaven，who never ceased to try was as the sun in heaven，who never ceased to try to make possible
that whieh others said coold never come to pass．Shall we not number ourselves among them？
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ideal is impossible of realization！Is not the world today incom paraby a better world than it ever was beforeq
There was a time when poor old witless women were burned as
witheies；a time when men and women were bund to stakes and conssumed in fire for their religious beliefs or or mbeleliess ；when
women were chattels；when stone and wooden gods were Then a man could be thrown into a foul prison because he was to
poor to pay a debt of money or other tribute when men and and little ehildren，even in＂free＂America，were slaves－four Have not all these squalid miseries that afflieted the minds an
bodies of men passed？And is not concentration of these miseries，all put together，every one？ Wherefore，even as those who have gone before，enave approachec Nations．
to ite us sue willing to try it，no matter what the doubt may be a
is anace！Let whoever will point oat that
it an ideal that has been approaehed is an ideal that has been approached and tried in the past only to
fall and fail．So also have other ideals，that are now realities，falle and failed many and many a time．
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their vietory，unholy theneration fails to tring it about，be sure that another genertion
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dayy But shall The man who feels himself under no obligigations to the past，＇an Who considers that he has no responsibility to the future，is a ma
who is wholly outside of the realm of sensible discussion．That kin or a man is born，lives his life and goes do
he had not lived at all．He is not eounted．
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stand baek of the ideal of the League of Nations
our ardor and and souls．We must approaeh that ideal with the utmos aecount to the generations ypet unborn．Also，we have ourselves
think of in the The League of Nations is not a question of persons or parties
any partieular country．It is a question that concerns the whol Leoka
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