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Ford Hall Folks

VOL. I. No. 2.

January 5, 1913.

Price Ten Cents.

IT CRIES FOR MORE.

This is written for the second issue of *Ford Hall Folks* before I have seen the first number. That is one of the exigencies of periodical publishing. I don't know whether our baby will be still-born or whether it will thrive lustily and cry out for nourishment (more circulation). But I do know there are several score or more of anxious and happy relatives and friends standing around ready to help in any way they can and eager and proud to see the youngster make a good impression at the very start.

As is often the case this baby is costing quite a bit more than we had counted upon. Good printing by reliable men done under proper conditions costs good money, more than we at first thought. As we have no advertising resources we are dependent entirely on sales and subscriptions. Here's the place for these proud and anxious relatives to take hold and help if they really want to see *Ford Hall Folks* thrive and prosper. We shall need to sell the whole edition every week in order to make both ends meet. Can we do it? There certainly are four hundred people who would like a permanent, authoritative record of our Sunday evening meetings. Can we find them? That is the question. It is not a question of production but of distribution. We shall get a practical illustration of the great commercial fact that it takes brains and energy to distribute merchandise as well as to produce it.

I cannot overemphasize the value this publicity will have to the work we are doing if it is enthusiastically

sustained. Its power will be more than doubled by the mere fact that you think enough of it to buy a copy each week. That insures its being read and kept and treasured. That is what gives a publication life. That is what makes it your publication. And remember your comments, suggestions and criticisms are most welcome.

George W. Coleman

HERE'S AN INVITATION!

The Ford Hall Folks meet, next Sunday afternoon at 3.30, in Kingsley Hall of the Ford Building. If you are not yet on the list of the "folks" but would like to be, send your name and address at once to Miss Crawford, Room 707, Ford Building. This will mean that you will lend your brain to the consideration of Meetings' business from 3.30 to 5.30 next Sunday and at the latter hour will join us in a little supper for which we each pay twenty-five cents. The "folks" meet in this way once in three weeks.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SPEAKER.

Prof. Vida Scudder of Wellesley College is to be our speaker next Sunday evening, her very interesting topic being, "The Moral Asset of the Class Struggle." Miss Scudder is one of the most inspiring personalities of our time and a woman of remarkable and compelling eloquence. You'll regret it if you do not hear this address—or read it in the *Folks* of January 19.

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WHAT ABOUT THOSE LETTERS?

"It isn't the silence of hope unex-
pressed

That heartens and strengthens the
weak;

To triumph through strife for the great
things of life—

It's the words of good cheer that we
speak."

And write—speak and write. Mr.
Coleman, of course, could scarcely be
characterized as "weak;" but he cer-
tainly will not be so strong as he
ought to be in faith and hope for the
future if you fail to "hearten" and
"strengthen" him as you might by
writing him an appreciative letter to
use in that book we are planning for
the birthday gift! You know what a
very busy man he is, yet he finds time
every week now to prepare the mes-
sage which appear over his signature
in this paper. About half that much
time given by you just this one week
in a letter would "hearten" him im-
mensely. Do it now!

RECENTLY SAID HERE.

Walter Rauschenbusch.

Socialism is the necessary spiritual
product of capitalism. It has been
formulated by that class which has
borne the sins of capitalism in its
own body and knows them by heart.
It stands for the holy determination
of that wronged and embittered class
to eliminate these sins forever from
the social life of mankind. Thus so-
cialism is the historical Nemesis of
Capitalism and follows it like its
shadow.

Stephen S. Wise.

"The church in the past has been
altogether too supine in its attitude
towards poverty. When Christ said
'the poor ye have always with you,'
he was stating a fact, not making a
prophecy and the church has been
quite wrong in its acceptance of

poverty as a thing of which God ap-
proves. There is no such thing, in
my opinion, as 'God's poor,' when the
poverty is involuntary; voluntary
poverty, like Tolstol's, is quite another
matter.

THE PRAYER.

(Preceding Prof. Fagnani's Lecture.)

For the brotherhood of the race we
thank Thee, Great Father of us all.
Dimly as we sense it, our hearts leap
with joy the more we realize it.
Nothing thrills us so much as to feel
the flame of universal love burning
within. We thank Thee that we are
capable of it. We rejoice in the ex-
perience and we pray most earnestly
that we may never suffer the light to
be snuffed out in our own lives. May
this love of one another spread
throughout the world until it covers
all humanity as the water covers the
seas.

Help us to see that brotherliness in
personal relationships is democracy in
government and that the same prin-
ciples must be carried into all rela-
tions of life, industrial, commercial
and social if we are to be thorough-
going brothers in any phase of life.
Do Thou grant us an undying hope, an
unfaltering courage, and an inexhaus-
tible patience that we, each one of us,
may contribute our share toward this
great end. Amen.

GOD AND DEMOCRACY.

Address of Prof. Charles Prospero
Fagnani at Ford Hall Meetings,
December 29.

God and Democracy. That is the
greatest subject in the world. I do
not say subjects because God and
Democracy are one. You cannot
separate God and Democracy, that is
the God of the Hebrew prophets and
of Jesus of Nazareth. And you can-
not separate Democracy from God.
For if we believe in Democracy, we

believe in God's
God's ideal, and
God.

If we say that
that commits us
the world. I want
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something special
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last election.

"Praise God from
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believe in God's plan, God's purpose,
God's ideal, and that is believing in
God.

If we say that we believe in God
that commits us to his program for
the world. I want to say, of course,
that what I mean by Democracy is
something special. It is not the kind
of Democracy that I am going to read
you about now in a poem from a
Texas paper, written shortly after the
last election.

"Praise God from whom all blessings
flow,
Bring forth the crops and let them
grow.

The party banner raise on high
Let blessing hearts reach to the sky.
Let trumpets blow, let people shout
Let everybody dance with glee
Democracy! Oh, bless the day!
The one for whom we oft did pray
Has won, and now the jobs are ours.
We'll dwell henceforth in fairest bow-

ers,
In custom houses we'll hold sway—
It surely is a time to pray!

This is one kind of democracy, but
Democracy, when we conjoin God with
it, is the thing that we ask for in the
Lord's Prayer when we say "Thy will
be done on earth as it is done in
Heaven." It means the kingdom of
God on earth. The kingdom of God
is the Jewish term and the Christian
term for democracy. I want if possi-
ble to carry you along with me in
connection with some presuppositions:

I want to assume that you agree
with me in regard to certain matters.
The first of the three suppositions
that I will assume is that you all be-
lieve in change, in perfection, in de-
velopment, in progress, in evolution,
that you believe that "the best is yet
to be," that progress is divine, that
our God is a living God whose motto
is "Behold, I make all things new,"
that what man has done, man can do
better and man must do better.

We cannot get along without insti-
tutions but we have always got to be
on our guard with respect to insti-
tutions. Institutions are always more or
less antiquated; they cannot become
institutions until they are antiquated.
Now an egg-shell is an institution but
the living chick inside must not be
sacrificed to the integrity of that in-
stitution. I have read this with re-
gard to the constitution. "The con-
stitution is one of the few formal

documents without which a democracy
is impossible, it professes that pro-
gress cannot be made by providing
that things shall not change. It was
a happy compromise of a wrangle by
our forefathers, than whom nobody
since has been wiser. The beauty of
it is that it can mean almost any-
thing but it takes a Supreme Court,
or a majority thereof to decide what
it means; it has lasted so long and
meant so many things that it is now
famous."

Conservatism, reputable and re-
spectable, though it claims to be, is in
essence, opposition to God, that is to
the living God. It is sincerely rever-
ent of a God who did things long ago.
Conservatism justifies its opposition
to progress by claiming that without
it, progress would be too fast and it
uses figures of speech and says that
brakes are necessary to the chariot of
progress. That all depends on which
way the chariot is headed. If we be-
lieve in God, we believe that the
chariot is going up hill, and not down.
No man in his senses, would apply
the brakes in going up hill; and pro-
gress is always uphill.

So we sometimes hear that un-
bridled democracy is a bad thing. It
is not difficult to understand what
unbridled democracy is. It is democ-
racy without a bridle and we presume
that democracy without a bridle is a
free democracy, one which may wan-
der whither-so-ever it listeth. Is that
a good thing or a bad thing? Was
the American Revolution, for instance,
a form of bridled or unbridled democ-
racy. Now if democracy is going to
wear the bridle, who is going to put
it on and who is going to hold the
reins?

Now, I will assume that you believe
in progress, in perfection. Unfortu-
nately, not everyone does, and I am
paying you a big compliment. Men
have been taught to be afraid of
change, to oppose it on principle. We
constantly hear people say, "What has
been good enough for our forefathers
ought to be good enough for us." And
that is the people's sentiment in many
quarters. Why, I have even heard it
applied to Hell. I know of a Presby-
terian who said, "For my part, I be-
lieve in an old fashioned hell, a hell
that was good enough for my father is
good enough for me." Now the fact
is, that something that was good
enough for our father, is not good

adopted by the school board, which prohibits teachers from petitioning or giving information to the Legislature and from assisting in the nomination of candidates for public office, was questioned by Solomon Levenberg, an attorney and the chairman of the Isaac Harris campaign committee, in a statement last night.

Levenberg replied to the statement of Chairman Bills of the school board that the indorsement by left Head Master Thomas of high school is a violation

HINKS MARRIED WOMEN SHOULD TEACH.

to the Editor of The Herald: ¹⁰⁵
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enough for us. Our fathers, if alive today, would want better than they had in their time and would reproach us for our idolatry for their out-worn and antiquated institutions and constitutions and everything else.

Do you suppose that if George Washington was in Boston to-morrow and he wanted to go to New York, (as he probably would) that he would prefer the stage coach to the Bay State Limited? Not much, I can speak for George.

I believe that you take the helpful view and the divine view and that you are not afraid of progress.

Now, my second presupposition is this. I will take for granted that you believe with me in the essential dignity and worth of goodness, of human nature; that you do not believe in total depravity; at least not as much as you used to; that you agree with me that what human nature needs is not so much a change as a chance. Humanity has never had a fair chance yet. To believe in God is to believe in men. We may take Jesus of Nazareth for an example in this matter. The supreme believer in God was the supreme believer in his fellow men. I will assume that you share the confidence of Jesus in human nature, that you believe that man would rather be decent than not; that woman would rather be decent than not. That men would prefer the approbation of their fellows to their scorn, that men would be infinitely better if they had more help and fewer handicaps. I know, however, that many cherish the doctrine of total depravity, like the old lady who said, "If you take away my total depravity, I won't have any religion left."

My third supposition is this: that you believe in freedom, in liberty. This follows necessarily. If man is inherently trustworthy, you are not afraid to "loose him and let him go." I will assume that you agree with me that men were made for freedom and not for bondage, that men flourish best when most free, that all the wars of humanity throughout history can be traced back to some form of oppression, of coercion of man by man.

Let me trace with you the historical connection between religion and democracy. I would like to take you on an aeroplane trip across the mountain peaks of the Bible. The dawning of

democracy goes back to Moses, about 1200 years before Christ, more than 3000 years ago. Moses was a labor agitator who headed a successful strike, the result of which was a permanent lock-out on their own part of a number of Hebrew slaves who laid down their tools and marched out of Egypt never to go back again. Moses is the great type of class conscious emancipator. You see, Moses had the choice of continuing to be the favorite of the Egyptian King as the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, but he preferred to make common cause with his own people.

The Jews became the custodians of the world. We must understand the story of their development. There are few Jews that know the story themselves. The Jews are not a pure race any more than any other race is pure. They are a mixed race. Their religion has been a compromise between two distinct elements that may be described as Jehovistic and Baelistic, the religion of the Amarithes with which it was assimilated. Now Judaism is the result of a mixture of these two elements; and Christianity, which absorbed the essence of Judaism absorbed those two strains. You find two different ideals fighting for the mastery, the brotherly love of the nomads and the ritualistic religion of the city civilization. You find two different ideas of God. The Hebrew idea of God, that put the emphasis on justice, and the Cananite idea which put it on sacrifice and ritualism. You find two different ideals of Society, one in which brotherhood is the ideal, the other marked by class distinctions. Now, these two diverging lines have come down to us of the present day, the religion of the priests and the religion of the prophets, religions of the priestly type which puts the emphasis on the things to be done to God, and the other which cares about the things that we are to do for our brother man. The Hebrew prophets were tribunes of the people—the dauntless and fearless arraigners of Kings, and Princes and Governments. The Hebrew priests had the idea that God needed to be placated by gifts and sacrifices and even by human sacrifices. The prophets boldly stood forth against tyranny and oppression whether in the Church or in the State. Their entire zeal was not for the services of the

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HALLS OFF FOR DEB SCHOOL

The prospects of a public school debate between Miss Frances G. Curtis and Mr. Harris looked good today. They succeeded to this:

Miss Harris said she was to discuss school matter but she hardly thought of going to the expense of hiring Mr. Harris heard this and would be delighted and half. Then came forward to furnish a hal

This came about because that Miss Curtis would Mr. Harris last night at Mr. Harris and Miss Curtis was an error. No uttered and while Miss Curtis Mr. Harris made a speech he finished because she engagement at Wells Mem

Miss Curtis had this to say. I should be delighted to discuss school questions if the opportunity were given. It hardly seems essential to go to the expense of such a debate. Mr. Harris came and joined:

I should be delighted to discuss public school questions, not merely to give Curtis, but to give a chance to see and hear women and get their opinions that interest the

I wish such a debate arranged, not in the spirit of fair but in the spirit of fair play. I am willing to pay the hall and treat Miss Curtis. A sensible lady should be

When this news was received by the official circles Joseph P. Ward 24 Democratic Chairman McManus of the Democratic Committee each of a hall for the discussion

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upon the church the great fundamental principles of religion and morality in which all sects agree.

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...shrine and of the temple, but for the
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...bold to read to you some passages
...from the Hebrew prophets. Listen to
...the words of Amos which he spoke
...about the year 750 B. C. in the Hebrew
...shrine at Bethel. I will next read to
...you from the prophet named Ezekiel,
...who lived some century or more later.
...I wish I had the time to read the en-
...tire 34th chapter of Ezekiel. I want
...you when you go home to take, beg,
...borrow or steal a Bible, find the 34th
...chapter of Ezekiel, and see if you don't
...get news there that will be more re-
...cent than any you can find in the
...Globe tomorrow morning.

...Now, whatever else Jesus of Naza-
...reth was, he was the successor of the
...prophets and the greatest of them. All
...the stress of his tremendous person-
...ality was put on loving men. I want
...you to hear some of the words of Jesus
...as recorded by tradition and you will
...see why he is to rank among the
...prophets of the early times. He is re-
...ported as having begun his ministry
...by claiming happiness for poor people
...especially. "Happy are the poor for
...yours is the kingdom of God." It does
...not mean that they were happy then
...but were going to be happy when the
...kingdom of God came. "Happy are ye
...that hunger for the kingdom of God is
...coming and then you shall eat. Happy
...are ye that weep." Whereas in con-
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...that are rich, woe unto you that are
...full now and have all that you need,
...for ye shall hunger for the things that
...the kingdom gives." In the Lord's
...Prayer we find, "Give us this day our
...daily bread"; that includes chops,
...steaks, bread and butter. Some people
...have the idea that Jesus was too high-
...toned to have anything to do with the
...things necessary to us, and they inter-
...pret "bread" as spiritual food. Jesus
...did not mean anything of the kind.
...He meant substantial bread, bread
...made out of flour, whole flour.

...Now, I am going to tell you some-
...thing that none of you know, abso-
...lutely none. I am going to read you
...from the revised version, and then I
...am going to tell you what Jesus really
...said and the way it should be trans-
...lated:

"When he saw the multitude he was
...moved with compassion for them, be-

...cause they were distressed and scat-
...tered as sheep not having a shepherd."

I am going to tell you the way that
...it is in the Greek, the way it should
...be put:

"When he saw the multitude, he was
...filled with compassion for them be-
...cause they were skinned, flayed alive."

It was indeed distress, but we trans-
...late it better when we understand that
...it means skinned, and that the word
..."skinned" means thrown to the
...ground, bleeding, with their hide off,
...and left to shift for themselves.

Jesus did not believe in benefac-
...tions or benefactors, nor in paternal-
...ism. He did not believe in a state of
...Society in which some people would
...accumulate so much money that they
...would not know what to do with it.
...We must have no benefactors because
...we must be in a position to do our
...benefactions for ourselves. And now
...the last passage:

"Call no man your father upon
...earth."

If this is not a solar-plexus blow to
...paternalism!

"Neither be ye called masters, for
...one is your master."

You all see how Jesus feels about
...this matter. But listen to what an
...eminent representative of the churches
...has said in regard to paternalism.

"A fatherly interest and sympathetic
...relation between employer and em-
...ployed would solve the entire differ-
...ence between labor and capital."

The Christianity of Jesus is democ-
...racy; it is the kingdom of Heaven.
...It is the social order in which human
...groups are organized as brothers to
...manage their own affairs for the high-
...est welfare of all the members of the
...group.

Democracy is fraternalism or
...brotherhood as over against paternal-
...ism. It is reciprocity as over against
...benefactions and charities. It is co-
...operation versus competition. Democ-
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Did you read that pitiful story of
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sister to this country, but who will probably have to be deported? He starved himself into insanity. He got \$1.25 a day and lived on twenty-five cents a day. He paid \$1.00 a week for a room and bought no food but lived on the scraps his fellow countrymen gave him. Yet out of his wages he had saved \$20 to bring his sister here! That is the sort of feeling that the people of the old country have with regard to America. What a responsibility that puts upon us.

When shall we have more democracy in this country? Whenever we want it earnestly and intelligently enough. Whenever we shall be determined to have God's will done in the United States as it is done in Heaven. God is on the side of the people. Who can be against us? In that day patriotism will be a bigger thing than love of country. It will mean love of one's countrymen.

Question: Does the speaker believe that Jesus Christ was a labor agitator, and that the Jews crucified him?

Answer: He was an agitator and was prosecuted by the Roman Government at the instigation of the Jewish authorities.

Question: Does not the speaker consider it worth while to mention other religions than the doctrines of the Hebrews?

Answer: I spoke one hour and seven minutes and did the best I could.

Q. Has the Jewish race fulfilled its mission in this world?

A. It has, it is and it is going to.

Q. What does the speaker think of the interpretation of the word "charity?"

A. There is distinct advantage in the Revised version of 1. Cor., the word love taking the place of the word charity in the King James version.

Q. How is it that the ruling classes do not have the idea of democracy which God has and if the common people were raised up would they not have the same ideas that the ruling classes have now?

A. It is not a question of putting the "outs" in and the "ins" out, taking down those above and putting up those below. It is the believing in brotherhood. There are plenty of the ruling class who would be glad to see democracy come as individuals and

many of them are helping to bring it along. We are all pretty decent on the whole and while we can speak against classes we must be careful not to speak against individual members of the classes. We are all human and there is good and bad in all of us.

Q. What is your personal opinion of the political parties of America and which one stands for greater progress?

A. If you will promise not to tell any one, my private opinion is that the party which has the highest ideals and which is going to do the most of all the parties that exist at the present time, is the Socialist party.

Q. If the Christians would interpret Jesus as a great liberator of men as the Jews do Moses would not that prevent a good deal of misunderstanding between them and the Jews?

A. I think it would.

Q. Give us your reasons for believing in God?

A. Why simply the reason that Voltaire gave: if there was not such a God, we would have to invent Him. We have got to assume God, and until you can get some better hypothesis that will have to hold.

Q. If we have democracy won't it be just to have an industrial democracy as well as a political?

A. When we have democracy that will of course include industries. We have a little democracy in this make-believe parcels post just beginning to start on Wednesday.

Q. What is the message of the resurrection concerning democracy?

A. The message of hope, in spite of death, hell and everything.

Q. If democracy means so much why don't they teach it to children in the schools and thoroughly imbue them with it?

A. Because we are not yet democratic enough to teach it in our public schools.

Q. Is preaching alone sufficient or is it not?

A. Nothing alone is sufficient. We must have as many different ways to get at it as we can think of.

Q. Where does George Moore get his authority that Jesus was not crucified but was put to death in some other way?

A. I do not know. There are a great many fanciful notions regarding this.

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A. Because the Christians abused the Jews and we are prejudiced against people who are prejudiced against people.

Q. In view of Jesus' sermon on the Mount, violence and force how can a Christian-spirited government be established?

A. No government is Christian and most governments are very far from it. It is our duty to Christianize the Government.

Q. What is your opinion of the Hebrew prophets as relating to the Messiah?

A. It cannot be summed up in a sentence; there were many of Messianic hope among the Jews. One that he would come to establish the Kingdom of God. Another would not come until after the Messiah had established it.

The Messianic hope of the Jews, its essence was that a greater kingdom was coming.

Q. Are not human beings equal? Why, then, are there inequalities of mental ability?

A. They are, practically they are more nearly equal than generally believed and the inequalities are due to education and environment.

CONCLUSION

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SOCIALISM IN COLLEGE

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Boston Commonwealth

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Reports Which Show What Progress The Movement Is Making.

(From the New York Sun.)

Judging from reports by the undergraduate delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, which began its sessions yesterday in Miss Helen Phelps Stokes' studio, 90 Grove street, Socialism is certain to become one of the most popular college sports. They

were very earnest young men and women who met in Miss Stokes' pleasant, picture-hung room, but it was evident that they found keen enjoyment in faculty and Philistine undergraduate opposition to their chapters, as the individual organizations are called.

The delegate from Yale who, like several of his brother delegates, spoke with a noticeable foreign accent, told how opposition, largely from the student body in this case, had built up the New Haven chapter until it was the largest and most active in the society. There had been, he reported, an attempt to destroy the society, or at least to sever its connection with the parent body, on the ground that it was "contrary to the democratic spirit and traditions of dear old Yale." An attempt was made, he declared, to make the chapter over into "a sort of Sunday school affair" and re-name it the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

When this move had been defeated, it was found that the University authorities had trebled the rent for the use of a college building for the chapter's meetings. But Professor Emory came forward with a good word for Socialism, the economic department subscribed generously to the fund, and, with the internecine trouble-makers ousted from the organization, but still enough trouble left to be stimulating, things were going nicely at Yale.

J. G. Phelps Stokes, president of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, who presided over the convention, said that as a Yale man he could understand the difficulty of running a Socialist society in so conservative a place. Incidentally his brother, Anson Phelps Stokes, is treasurer of Yale University. Amherst reported that its chapter was getting action by debating Socialism with the Civics Club and expects to stimulate the mental growth of the members of the Civics Club noticeably. At Williams, Socialists are looked upon as "queer specimens," according to the cheerful representative of that chapter.

Delegate Humphreys of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. Training School raised a laugh when he said in a way that showed it seemed to him a surprising thing that the Socialist chapter "stands well with the faculty and has its cooperation." The Connecticut

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Agricultural College chapter reported
an interesting struggle with a faculty
that has tried vainly to halt its pro-
gress by decreeing that no college
building could be used for political
purposes.

Of the chapter at Barnard the
young woman delegate reported that
it was struggling against lack of in-
terest. The general attitude "makes
the students watch what we are doing
without wanting to join." Columbia
reported a chapter of twenty-nine
members, twelve on the active list,
and Cornell boasted of a chapter
membership of thirty-five, with thirty
"real" Socialists.

At the College of the City of New
York, on the other hand, there was
almost "too much enthusiasm," said
the spokesman of the students there.
He added that while there was no
"official organization" there were over
1000 Socialists in the college; in fact
the entire undergraduate body was
Socialist, and the professors in the
economics department had to wage
daily warfare with heckling Socialists
who asked embarrassing questions.

New York University's agitator com-
plained that the student body was not
anti-Socialist but "just indifferent."
The faculty, he said, was not hostile
to the college Socialists. The faculty
of the New York Dental College was
reported to be very active in its oppo-
sition, and there again the chapter
was flourishing.

Down at Princeton, Delegate Alex-
ander reported, the path of the
Socialist is altogether too smooth.
He said that the faculty quite ap-

proved of the chapter, believing it
harmless, and its meetings a safer
outlet for undergraduate enthusiasms
than the college inn. And he com-
plained that the undergraduates ap-
proved too, saying: "Fine work! Keep
it up, old man. We're all Socialists in
theory, you know. We'll keep the
world going and you do your best for
Socialism."

Next year, said Mr. Alexander, the
Princeton Socialists are going to drop
"the chloroform bottle and butterfly
net and resort to the hammer."
Debs was coming down to help them,
he added.

Delegate McDonald of the Meadville
Theological School said that eight out
of the entering class of ten this year
had joined the chapter, and that eight
members of twenty-four were carrying
the "red card" showing them to be
members of the national Socialist
party. He was applauded when he
asked the I. S. S. to "protest against
college men engaging in scabbing and
strike-breaking." The young woman
delegate from the George Washington
University chapter said that the
strong religious and conservative feel-
ing among the faculty and under-
graduates made it hard for the chap-
ter to gain in membership.

Harry W. Laidler of Wesleyan, or-
ganizer for the I. S. S., reported that
the chapters had increased from
thirty-eight to fifty-nine since the pre-
vious convention, and that there are
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