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man toward religion. All the great men of the 19th as of other centuries have been deeply concerned with the problems of religion, and particularly with the relationship between religion and society; but nearly all but Tolstoy have been concerned with reinterpreting religion from the basis and in the terms of modern civilization and present day culture. Tolstoy alone took his stand upon what he believed to be the true interpretation of Christianity, and then made the strong, reinforced, determined demand that modern civilization and modern culture should be recast upon the basis and in the terms of what he believed to be a true Christianity. Whether we agree with him or not is not the question. He is worthy of earnest study because of the uniqueness of that position. I am sure the consensus of the opinion of the future will bear me out when I say that Tolstoy is supremely worthy of our study, our regard, our profound admiration and gratitude, because he so supremely represents the man of absolute sincerity, fidelity to his convictions, and a great willingness to make sacrifices for what he believed to be true and right. (Applause.) No man in all modern history has been more ready than Tolstoy to live up to the very last opinion of his mind, or has made so great a sacrifice for that which he believed to be the truth. And when the time shall have passed for the bickerings and banterings and deliberate spite and hatred that so long shadowed his name and fame, the world will come to admire and be grateful for the splendid sincerity of the man. (Applause.)

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was defeated by the Russian winter on the march to Moscow, there was threatened in Russia the extinction of a nation's life, with the result that there was born a nationalistic spirit. You can find it in the beginnings of realistic literature, which started earlier than in England and France, because it was a protest against the social conditions then prevailing throughout Russia. (Applause.) We must associate the name of Tolstoy with those of Tourgenieff. Gogol and Dostoieffsky, for it was this movement with which Tolstoy was first allied.

And yet Tolstoy was one of the few great souls of humanity who stand alone, unique, His genius was isolated. Born and reared in the arms of aristocracy, he very soon revolted against the life in which he had been trained. He left the university and went to his family estate at Yasna Polyana to change the condition of the serfs there. He then entered the army as a non-commissioned officer, and just as he was about to be commissioned he resigned, and became the chief spirit of anti-militarism. Soon his became the great name of Russian literature; and then, just as he had won the laurel crown, he turned away to Yasna Polyana-became weary of it all, and determined to get close to the hearts of the moujiks. He was not satisfied with the free. ing of the serfs, but went to live with them, and tried to think their thoughts, because he knew that mere legal liberty was not He traveled over western Europe, studied conditions, and then returned to start a school and develop a theory of education entirely his own. He devoted himself to philanthropy, only to discover that it was only a patch on a worn garment, where a new garment was needed.

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In the early years of Tolstoy's literary life we have the picture of one who was looking out at life as a very interesting spectacle. He was restive under his own freedom, and felt the need of constraint. Really, he was yearning for conversion. We find his character at this time in "The Cossacks," "Childhood, Boyhood and Youth," and "The Russian Proprietor." When he married he went to Yasna Polyana; it was with a great longing within him to discover not only the right social arrangements, but the meaning of life. He lived among the people for their sake and his own. Now he saw life, not as a spectacle, but as a great problem.

During this time he wrote his greatest works. One of the greatest novels of the world is Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina." (Applause.) It is great because it states the problem of the 19th century. It should be

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THE QUESTIONS

Q: What is your opinion of the doctrine of Anarchism which Tolstoy preached?

A: Tolstoy's theory was not unlike that of Jefferson, that the best governed is the least governed. His political theory was part of his religious message. He was not an accredited Anarchist. My own attitude is that that is the best government which elicits the best self-government from the man and the community. (Applause.)

Q: Should we not, in exalting Tolstoy, remind ourselves of the dying Gorky?

A: I should have mentioned Gorky as a later expression of the great realistic movement of social protest. But he represents much less than Tolstoy did.

Q: Would not Tolstoy have been a far greater man in a free country, or did Russian oppression make him what he was?

A: Tolstoy's was the greatness of the man who moves against the current. He would probably have been more rounded and more graceful in a different environment.

Q: Did not Tolstoy really consider the common people superior to the useless aristocracy?

A: In "The Russian Proprietor" and "The Power of Darkness" it seems to be shown that he did not consider the common people any better, but he found in them the way for his own self-abnegation and service.

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Q: When Tolstoy came out and said: "I can't keep quiet any longer," why didn't the Russian government arrest him?

A: He was in very great danger from the police for many years, but he was saved because the government appreciated what he had done for peace, and because his arrest would have aroused considerable discontent that the government didn't want set loose.

Q: Did Tolstoy ignore or overlook the fact that he was neglecting his own home duties when he became a recluse?

A: Tolstoy's attitude toward the family was limited and imperfect. His attitude toward women is not by any means the best thing about him. He became a recluse because his own sins against women in the past made him incapable of understanding them.

Q: Do you believe that it is within the power of the Czar to compel reforms that will do away with the persecution of the Jews?

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A: No, because you can't cure a social evil with a personal remedy.

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Q: Should a boy 13 or 14 years old read

Tolstoy? (Laughter.)

A: Yes, my son; begin with "Childhood, Boyhood and Youth," and then read some of the short stories. When you get through with those I will suggest something else.

Q: Are Tolstoy's works translated in English, and can they be found in the Pub-

lic Library?

A: Yes, surely; Nathan Haskell Dole's translation is the best.

Q: Which religion do you believe is more Christian, President Eliot's or Tolstoy's?

A: If I could give Tolstoy Eliot's sanity of outlook and could give Eliot all the warmth and fervor of Tolstoy, I should not care which one I had. (Applause.)

Q: Would a man like Tolstoy be admitted to this country under the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill? (Laughter and Applause.)

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A: I don't know of any.

Q: Do you know as much about the life of Abraham Lincoln as you do about Tolstoy? (Laughter.)

A: I think I should have to speak for

an hour to answer that question.

Q: Was it not a fact that Tolstoy was against government in writing "The Slavery of our Time?"

A: Yes, Tolstoy was a Tolstoyan Anarchist.

 $Q\colon$ What is your impression of Prince Kropotkin?

A: I don't know him as well as I do

Q: What would be the situation in the United States government if Tolstoy were President? (Laughter.)

A: It would certainly be a policy of-

watching. (Laughter.)

Q: What was the original incentive for Tolstoy's realism, considering the fact that he was born a nobleman?

A: I can only say that there was a movement that arose in the upper circles of Russia against things French and for things Russian, and Tolstoy represents that.

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Calendar.

Order No. 1 referred to committee on city planning. In committee.

Order No. 2 referred to committee on edu-cation. Reported favorably, passed at second reading.

Order No. 3 amended substitute order passed.

Bill No. 1 referred to committee on play and recreation. In committee. Reported unfavorably.

Bill No. 2 passed without reference to committee.

Bill No. 3 referred to committee on play and recreation. Reported favorably.

Order No. 4. referred to committee on municipal affairs. Re-referred to committee. Reported unfavorably. Passed at second reading. In committee.

Bill No. 4. referred to committee on labor. In committee.

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Bill No. 8 referred to committee on housing. In committee.

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Bill No. 22 referred to committee on education, play and recreation jointly. In committee.

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Those who are participating in this wonderfully interesting experiment are getting an education of priceless value. Not only is it developing powers and faculties that might otherwise have lain dormant but it is also developing social consciousness, community feeling and mutual responsibility. Let this work go on for a time and we will develop a company trained in the art of citizenship that any community could well be proud of.

And this suggests my last point. These Ford Hall Town Meeting citizens will not wait for the completion of their course in the study and practice of democracy before they will apply their newly required knowledge and experience in the actual affairs of the city of Boston. And here is the very finest opportunity for our women who are soon to receive full enfranchisement to begin to prepare themselves for the great responsibilities that will some day be thrust upon them.

These Town Meetings, although now only a few weeks old, have in them possibilities of immense usefulness. Some day, if they continue the way they have begun, we shall need the large hall to accommodate those who will wish to attend. Their influence

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So far we have not a committee room, and are meeting at chairmen's homes and before the Town Meeting in Kingsley Hall. Our committee of one, the doughty Sergeant-at-Arms, is endeavoring to interest the trustees of the building in this urgent need of the Town Meeting committees.

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Let every Town Meeting citizen remember that next week is our sixth anniversary number, and that we shall all want extra copies to send to our friends.

THE TOWN MEETING SOUP KITCHEN.

By Warren Dunham Foster.

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"The chief advantage that would result from the establishment of Socialism," says Oscar Wilde, "is undoubtedly the fact that Socialism would relieve us from the sordid necessity of living for others which, in the present condition of things, presses so hardly upon everybody."

THE STORY OF MR. COSGROVE.

By Mary C. Crawford.

Several times this winter interesting questions about Mexico and the Mexican situation have been asked at our meetings by a gentle-voiced, light-haired young man who sits in the right-hand gallery. This man is totally blind-although that fact is not immediately obvious-and he lost his sight as a result of a plot against Americans made by Mexican mine workers. A very sad and terrible story his. Yet he tells it without bitterness and adds that his sympathies always go out to the Mexicans even though they are responsible for his irreparable loss. The Americans down there are usually overbearing and insolent, he says, and while they bear away wealth with them, the natives remain to suffer every kind of poverty and want. Moreover, the plot which cost him his sight was not aimed at him personally; and it grew out of the deep superstition in which these people have been plunged since time immemorial.

Born in Massachusetts, young Cosgrove heeded the call of the West, and after spending five years in the gold and silver mines of California, went to Arizona, and thence to Mexico to prepare himself for a position of importance in the copper mining district. The town in which he settled down there as called Navidad (Spanish for Christmas) the very place, I believe, in which the present insurrection had its birth. The Mexicans are "religiously insane every day of the year," according to many reports. But the fourth of May, Cross Day-when a new Cross is set up in every Mexican mine-is of all days of the year to them most sacred. The exigencies of work in Mr. Cosgrove's mine made it necessary for him and an English comrade to collect some samples of ore on this most sacred day, however, and so the two made their way in a cage to a point several hundred feet below the surface of the mine to do their assaying. They had their drilling tools with them, but chancing to find a hole already drilled, made use of it. As a result the Englishman was killed and Cosgrove blinded. The hole, it appears, had been filled with dynamite and topped with high pressure caps, so that only a few light strokes of a hammer were necessary to

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ing all the time in mines; but they need not be so terrible in their results, he insists, if Capital provides proper medical attendance at once. Yet he is not a bitter person when he talks of Capital any more than when he talks of the Mexicans who did him so grievous a wrong. He declares that he is very happy, too, and finds plenty of things with which to make his days interesting as, attended only by his cane, he comes to Ford Hall functions and to Committee hearings at the State House over the way. In four years he has missed but two Ford Hall meetings, and his voice breaks with deep feeling as he tries to express what the discovery of us meant to him. "You were joyously talking here," he says, "what I had long been silently and sadly thinking!"

TOLSTOY, THE MAN.

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drag us through great chapters of economic and sociology; and I call that consummate art. Here, in this book, two dead in sin are raised again through love and sacrific of self.

This was the lesson Tolstoy had learned and the lesson he taught. And that is the only point or meaning of this world or of the world to come.

PEOPLE.

Evidently He Wins.

Feb. 24, 1914.

As a constant attendant of the Ford Hall meetings, and also as a member of the U.S. military service, I should like to offer a little clearing up statement, since the Army and Navy are so often the objects of hostile criticisms. For specifications I shall confine myself to a quest in appearing in the Magazine on Feb. 22. 314, as follows:

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A (Mr. Cummings): "You have put you finger on a real fact. The question is a fair one."

I am a marine stationed at the Nava Prison, Navy Yard, and if the parties to this interrogatory will come over I will show them the marines' library and reading room, containing hundreds of volumes all varieties, from Jack London's "Iron Heel" to Dr. Eliot's six-foot shelf of Harvard classics. Then I'll take them down the prison library and show them over the hundreds of volumes which are read by the prisoners. There they will find the "Jungle." by Upton Sinclair. And if that is too tame I'll hand them a copy of "War, What For by Mr. Kirkpatrick. And if they will com on Friday morning I will show them hand ing in the mail rack, with my name will ten on the yellow label, in plain sight everybody, the "Appeal to Reason" and the "Boston Leader." Does this look like military is trying to suppress information In addition to this I hold a card on the Pu lic Library with far more leisure time read than the average workingman.

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For so much of our friend's troubles we may blame the ignorant superstition of insanely wrong-headed natives. But immediate medical assistance would have alleviated, if not cured, his particular case. And the American owners of these rich and productive mines had not thought it worth while to provide a resident doctor. Hence horrible, indescribable suffering on the part of this innocent worker. Almost his eyes were removed from his head by main force at the clumsy hands of an orderly who had once had some distant connection with a

hospital!

Of course it was too late for successful operation when, nearly four weeks later, young Cosgrove, traveling with infinite pain in a stage-coach drawn by four mules, managed to achieve the mountain journey of eighty-six miles, which set him down in the presence of an oculist. So, as soon as he could again get together strength enough he set out, alone and blinded, on the journey of 3500 miles back to his native Massachusetts.

That was seven years ago. During these years he has taught himself Braille, though he does not use it much, and studied Socialism. Accidents similar to this are happenthe story of the 18th century. The problem of the 18th century was intellectualwhat to think?-and Faust, the man, meets Mephistopholes, the denying spirit, and is undone. The problem of the 19th century is social. When democracy came into power there was let loose in the world a force for evil as well as for good. What is to be the effect of mob mind upon the life of the individual? What is to be the effect of social expectation upon the life of each one of us? "Anna Karenina" answers these questions in a woman's story, because 19th century life centres in the woman's heart. That is what was concerning Tolstoy in this period.

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Tolstoy's conversion is a sublime illustration of Emerson's words: "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion, in solitude, after one's own; the great man is he who in the world lives after his own opinion." Tolstoy, alone, could live the life of a Stoic, but in the army and in St. Petersburg he found it impossible. But in 1881 he said: "Be it known to all the world, henceforth I live after Tolstoy's opinion." (Applause.) This idea we find most clearly in "Ivan Ilyitch." In this period, too, he poured out a great deal of bitterness, in "The Kreutzer Sonata' and "The Power of Darkness." Those books prove he turned to the common people, not because they were better than the aristocracy, but because they were more hopeful. Kreutzer Sonata" is the most drastic arraignment of the age for its most deadly sin, the social evil; and in "The Power of Darkness" he shows the same thing in the common people. The difference is that in the former book there is a mind corrupted, and in the latter there is no mind to corrupt.

Tolstoy's whole message, read small, and yet how large, is in "Master and Man." He wished always that he could escape from his art, but he could not. One of the greatest pieces of human art in existence is Tolstoy's "Resurrection." Here he has told a little tale that might have been told in twenty pages, and has used that story to

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As a Magazine of Neighborliness, I hope you will print this and thereby strike out the first two letters of the word "abuse." A few of the questioners at Ford Hall might do well to remember that the military has no monopoly on ignorance. I was not surprised at the question, but very much so at

the answer.

GEORGE A. MORGAN Private, U. S. M. C.

Friends Who Are Coming

March 15-Rev. Harry Ward, "The Challenge of Socialism to Christianity."

March 22-Rev. Frank O. Hall of New York, "The Moral Law."

March 29-John Cowper Powys of England, "The Economic Aspects of Woman Suffrage."

April 5-Symposium, on "Journalism." A. J. Philpott of the Boston Globe and George Perry Morris of The Christian Science Monitor.

April 12-Dr. Thomas C. Hall of New York, "Religion and Social Revolution."

April 19-Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch, "Is the Woman Movement Going to Save Society?"

NUMBI OLUME II



MARCH 22.—REV. FRANK OLIVER HALL, D. D., of New York, speak on "The Right to Work," a topic near the hearts and minds of Ford Hall per just now. Dr. Hall belongs to that impos group of powerful preachers which New Engl has contributed to New York. He was born Connecticut and served a parish in Cambrid for a number of years before going to his pres charge, the Church of the Divine Paternity, N York, probably the leading Universalist body this country. Yet he is no less at home on the pl form of Cooper Union than in his uptown pull litures, new life stream which means that he is the kind of man sure score a big success here.

MARCH 29.—JOHN COWPER POWYS of England comes to us again, topic this time being "The Economic Aspects of Woman Suffrage."

Powys is in many ways the most remarkable speaker who has ever appeared on this platform. It was a very bad night when he came to us last year and he was utterly unknown in Boston; so he had only a fairly-filled house to greet his talk on "The Social Message of Modern English Writers." But every person who was there has been sounding this man's praises ever since and there will be a recordbreaking crowd on hand to welcome him on this occasion. Mr. Powys is fresh from England and will doubtless have some light to throw on the situation there among the militants. But this will not be a stereotyped suffrage lecture by any means.



There is nothing stereotyped about this man. He is as unique as he is dynamic

APRIL 5.—A. J. PHILPOTT of the Boston Globe will lead our Symposium on Journalism. Mr. Philpott knows the newspaper business from the ground



up, having served on the Globe alone for more than twenty years. He has been a reporter in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and has travelled, in the course of his work, from Canada to Mexico and Guatemala, meeting on the way practically all the people of importance in the country. Few men have done a greater variety of journalistic work than he or understand the newspaper business more thoroughly from both the writer's and the printer's point of view. We shall all be more intelligent concerning the powers of the press after we have heard him speak. The editorial end of the subject will be covered by George Perry Morris, now of

the Christian Science Monitor, and formerly on the editorial staff of the New York Mail and Express. Practically all of Mr. Morris' work has been as an editorial writer, just as nearly all of Mr. Philpott's has been at the news end. Together they should be able to give us a well-rounded understanding of the newspaper as a social instrument.

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