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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 24.—Considerable investigation is being made of the problem of old-age pensions. Some governments and some industries have adopted such a system, and it appeals to our sympathies. Only the experimental stage has been reached, so that its soundness has not been demonstrated. We are constantly trying to adopt reforms of some artificial nature so as to save ourselves from suffering from the defects of human nature as it is now constituted. No doubt some of our efforts are helpful, and the fact that we realize our deficiencies and are intent on remedying them is most encouraging. Our failures lie in attempting to reach the goal by some short cut without really removing the cause of the difficulty. We try to reform ourselves on the outside when the only effective remedy is to reform ourselves on the inside.

What a self-respecting people really needs is not a system of old-age pensions but a population made sufficiently skilled by education and sufficiently self-controlled and well disposed by the help of religion so that old-age pensions would be a superfluity. Unless real reform comes from within, the problem will never be solved.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 26.—Winter travel is an important factor in our economic structure. We have great stretches of country, including the South Atlantic states, Florida, the Gulf region and the Mexican border land reaching through Southern California to the Pacific, which is unrivaled in climate and beauty. Excellent railway service, good roads and fine hotel accommodations make it most attractive to tourists.

Foreign travel is commendable. It is not necessary even to see America first. But to see the other parts of the world while our own country is unseen not only means lack of a desirable education but is scarcely patriotic.

Our people spend annually six or eight hundred million dollars in foreign travel. On the whole it is a good investment. But it should not be done to the exclusion of domestic travel. People come from all quarters of the globe to behold the wonders of our own land. We ought not to remain ignorant of them ourselves.

It may well be remembered that money now expended in travel will be an aid to business. Every dollar so invested is turned over many times and, reaching in numerous directions, will stimulate trade and increase employment.

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