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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 12.—All through the ages people have been seeking some material security outside themselves. It has not yet been found. There is a possibility that the quest is a delusion.

Great nations have arisen and sought safety in mighty armaments, great men have sought safety in riches. Alliances among nations and combinations among men have striven for the same goal. Always some other nation, man, alliance or combination has arisen that was stronger. No temporal power, no riches can boast of much antiquity. Neither men nor nations have found permanent security in material power.

The nations of Europe are now attempting to apply this same system in their search for security. The same thought is working down among individuals the world over. They all want some assurance that, no matter what happens, some power outside themselves is to protect them from all evil consequences. A league is to be a guaranty for nations, and some obligation of society is to furnish support for individuals. While much could be done, the plans proposed appear very doubtful. In the end the security of nations and men must be sought within themselves by observing the command to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

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NEW YORK, May 13.—A great many people will regret the announcement that another leading university no longer will require Latin and Greek for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Such a change breaks with a very long tradition in education. While it does not mean that the study of the classics is to be abandoned, no doubt the numbers pursuing these courses will decrease.

Because Greek and Latin had long ago become stabilized they afforded a common bond of understanding among scholars. Proficiency in these studies required real mental discipline. Being the foundation of much of our own language and much of our thought, as well as many of our political and social institutions, a familiarity with the language and history of Greece and Rome has been considered a necessary preparation for exact scholarship. It is difficult to imagine genuine science even without these supports.

Modern languages and the sciences provide a medium for a different kind of mental discipline. They have the appeal of being immediately practical. But broad scholarship, when it seeks for the source of things, for the idea of liberty and law, for many of the spiritual impulses of life, must still turn to the classics.

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