

hinderer for the same reason. And if you are a poor man and a hinderer, you are the poorest kind of hinderer—to yourself.

He who loves the truth is a helper. Nothing can help you—nothing can help the world—better than the truth. Emerson it was who pronounced the funeral oration of all material things when he said:—"Sheen] will tarnish, honey cloy, and merry is only a mask for sad". All things are perishable even as the body of mortal man. Gold, silver, brass, granite—ALL. What then is lasting? what powerful? what permanent? Search history and get your answer. What is it that has stood steadfast while empires decay and disappear, and, withstanding the ravishes of all time-linked ages together? Not gold; not silver; not brass; not granite. The one thing that has outlasted all other things—the one thing that will outlast all other things and is immanent is TRUTH. Lover or hater of the truth? Big H or little h—WHICH?

J. G. Holland must have had helpers in mind when he wrote "God Give Us Men:—"

"Men whom the lust of office does not kill,

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,

Men who possess opinions and a will,

Men who have honor and who will not lie."

Also Kipling when he wrote "If":—

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance
run,

Yours is the earth and everything
that's in it

And—which is more—you'll be a MAN,
my son!"

And Tennyson in writing "Ulysses":—

"How dull it is to pause, to make an
end,

To rust unburnished, not to shine in
use,"

Some people are always saying that they are glad they are living in the present age—the age of electricity and inventions. To a certain extent this is something to be glad about, but is it everything? It is not. There was a period in the life of the race which scientists and historians call the "Age Of Muscle Power". That age had neither airplane nor submarine; fountain pen nor typewriter; but it gave us Aristotle, Homer, Socrates, Plato and others who have enriched the world by their lives. Steam was unknown; electricity not heard of; but we have the Pyramids and the Pantheon and the Colosseum. There was no chair at any university for economics or political science; but in ancient Sparta every man held himself responsible for the well-being of every child in the community. Examples might be multiplied to illustrate that how you live is far more important than the age in which you live.

But soft now! The age must come when the man who tries to get the gen-

uine in exchange for the counterfeit—everything for nothing—will be denounced by all respectable people as a dangerous character and a hinderer to progress. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP ALONG THIS AGE? "Watch yourself go by" in 1923 and determine. Big H or little h—WHICH?

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION

Lausanne, Dec. 26th.—A vigorously worded protest against the decision of the Near East conference sub-commission on minorities to permit the Armenian delegates to appear before the sub-commission and set forth their desires, was forwarded to the conference today by the Turkish delegation. This new discordant note characterized the resumption of the peace negotiations after the Christmas recess. The sub-commission on minorities has planned to receive the Armenian and Bulgarian representatives this afternoon.

London, Dec. 26th.—Announcement is made that admission to the press gallery of the House of Commons is to be accorded six representatives of the press of the Overseas Dominions. This concession will be especially appreciated inasmuch as the representatives of the dominions here are fully aware of the limited accommodation in the gallery which made it difficult to grant the concession earlier. Certain representatives here have for some time past been admitted to the members' lobby and the press writing rooms.

Paris, Dec. 26th.—The condition of Sarah Bernhardt showed further improvement this morning and her physicians said that they tentatively considered her out of danger.

Washington, Dec. 26th.—The employment situation is encouraging and prospects are bright for the remainder of the winter, according to a survey just completed by the Employment Service of the Department of Labour. Nearly all the states reported a condition much better than at this time last year, and the situation was described as fair to good in most sections. Building operations throughout the country were reported holding a pace almost unprecedented, only a few states in the north showing a slowing up because of the weather. The manufacturing states, almost without exception, reported shortages of skilled mechanics. Textile mills were running full and needed labour. The motor car industry was running one hundred per cent, but the labour supply about equalled the demand. The steel industry showed a general expansion, with a demand for all kinds of labour and the call for metal workers generally exceeded the supply.

London, Dec. 26th.—Rain and sleet fell in most parts of England on Christmas day replacing the snow and frosty

weather which the country had experienced for some days. With unemployment still looming largely over the land this Christmas season is hardly a time for hilarious merry-making, nevertheless there are signs at last that the clouds of industrial depression are breaking and this gives everyone cause to thank God and take courage. The King and Queen, as is their custom, are spending the season at York cottage, Sandringham, accompanied by their sons, with the exception of Prince George, who is still in the hospital following an operation for appendicitis. At Sandringham House Queen Alexandra has as guests Queen Olga of Greece, the Dowager Empress of Russia, with the King of Norway also in the vicinity.

London, Dec. 27th.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the members of his mission which is going to the United States to discuss the British debt to the United States, will sail tomorrow on the steamer "Majestic" for New York.

Rome, Dec. 26th.—Premier Mussolini, has decided to appoint 24 new senators. They will be chosen from among scientists, men of letters, artists and politicians. This will include representatives from the new provinces who have contributed to the work of national reconstruction.

Washington, Dec. 26th.—Before the Borah amendment to the United States Naval Bill for an economic disarmament conference is disposed of, there will be in the Senate a great discussion of international affairs, including debt cancellation, reparations, disarmament and the need of markets for United States product abroad. The Harding administration it has been clearly shown, is throwing its influence against the Borah amendment, but indications are that the amendment cannot be defeated outright. Its opponents hope to force a modification to weaken the amendment, especially to block debt cancellation and any economical entente agreement with Europe.

Paris, Dec. 26th.—France gained an important victory in the Allied reparations commission today, when the commission by a vote of 301 declared Germany in voluntary default of her wood deliveries for 1922. France, Belgium and Italy stood in favour of the declaration, while Great Britain cast its ballot against. The decision of the commission was immediately communicated to the Allied Governments for action. It may have a vital effect on the reparations problem if France can retain the support of Italy and Belgium when the reparations question is discussed at the January 2nd meeting of the Premiers. The lone vote cast by Great Britain was in accordance with British policy which has been opposed to declaring Germany in default, in the fear that such action might have a disastrous effect on the already precarious state of German finance.