

CIVILIZATION MAY DEPEND ON CITIES

IF PROPERLY ORGANIZED

Professor Says Metropolitan Regions Are Vital; Applies Arguments to Conditions in Western U. S.

"There can be no doubt that the future of western civilization rests upon the effective reorganization of its great cities and their regions," said Dr. William L. Bailey, of Northwestern university, in an address last week in the university's "contemporary thought" course on "Cities and Civilization."

"The modern city is on the horizon," Prof. Bailey stated. "And modern western civilization needs those greater and newer cities. It can not survive while its supreme means of expression are only semi-modernized cities. Our world is an urbanized one, as compared with the medieval and its leading countries are excessively so. Three-quarters of all the cities of over 1,000,000 are in Europe and America. Half of those over 100,000 in the world are in Europe. In both northwest Europe and certain portions of New World countries, over half the total populations is in regions little broader than the ten mile circles around the great cities."

Vitals of Civilization
"These regions are the vitals of western civilization. Older countries of vast population, like India and China, show the same phenomena. It has always marked the development of all civilizations, for civilization implies aggregation. The ancient classical world, and perhaps the more ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian civilizations, probably ended in such colossal concentrations in the regions of great cities. But in India and China, these regions are very much more extensive, and there is no corresponding concentration in great cities, with vast proportion being dispersed in agricultural villages, and in a well-guarded and orderly system of towns and cities, centering finally on a metropolis. These are civilizations which have learned by eras of experience. Modernism is still young. Our regions are scarcely more than suburbanized cities."

"Our great cities have been dubbed megalopolitan, and dinosaur, and many critics within and without western civilization have seen wars and world-famine as possible results. The effective redistribution of modern mankind has often been discussed. Modern mankind has been said to be at the cross-roads. The decline of the west seems impending."

Regional Basis
"Civilization is only possible in regional aggregations. The new agriculture and rural life of today is appearing with such, while elsewhere depopulation, decline, and decadence face it. The cities are planning on the regional basis. The best things in modern and American life today are coming to pass in those regions."

"The Utopian hopes of mankind have often most centered around cities, from the New Jerusalem, and the Platonic Republic, to the most advanced projects of our own day. But seldom, if ever, have they been conceived in regional terms."

"Perhaps modern civilization makes it possible as never before to effectively organize such aggregates and areas."

"If modern civilization is not able to organize such regions, then it too will pass, and without having made what would seem to be its supreme contribution to the history of civilization."

"When history dawns mankind was living in cities. Historical events center on cities and their relics are its records. Cities are the greatest works of man. Each epoch of civilization rises and falls, as it flowers, in its cities."

"Western civilization needs wholly modern cities, and they are as yet only in prospect."



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MODERN CONVERSATION
"I'm in favor of light whiens and sneers," insinuated the ritzy society gal.
"Net me," said her partner. "The wages of gin are death."

RIGHT, TOO RIGHT
"Down but not out," cried the convict as he lay on the ground inside the prison walls.

JUST LIKE A WOMAN
"Take me in your arms and tell me how much you love me," the Fat Lady in the side-show requested of the Libbless Wonder.

OLE OLSON'S PHILOS
"Dis ban a gude yoke on me," said Olson, as he spilt an egg on his vest.

YE SNAKE DANCE
There was a young flapper named Mae,
Who shook a mean bale of hay,
Though not a Hawaiian
She was always trying,
To out-wiggle our own Gilda Gray.

ALSO, COUNT TEN
"Where's the notary?" cried the old gent. "Bill's dropped a safe on my toe and I want to swear!"

IN REBUTTAL
Hurrah! The profs are at fault again. A two-headed baby died after living three days. This does away with the theory that two heads are better than one.

UNDERTAKER HUMOR
"Here's where we roll the bones," offered the undertakers as they placed the coffin in the wagon.

"Whither with the mask, Erron ius?"
"To Mabel's house, Calculus."
"Then why're thou ask?"
"Oh, her da! requested that I never show my face again in his-house."

SMOOTH BIRD
"I have a jag with the cop," said the man, as he swapped cigarette with the policeman.

AUNT IT SO!
"Yep," said the campus philosopher, as he eyed a group of mongrels chasing each other down the lane; "life is just one darn thing after another?"

BLONDE BESS OPINES
You may eat your cake and have it too by baking two cakes.

PEOPLE ARE THAT WAY
The willows are weeping for John H. Best;
He changed the labels on his medicine chest!

MY PET
Lizzie's thin, I keep her lean
By feeding her on kerosene!

A European philosopher declares that Americans are deficient in real intelligence, but anyhow we know enough to keep out of European entanglements.

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