The big assembly room was packed for all the public lectures. Among the students following the course were several who have since made ~~kk~~ names for themselves - Bruce Bliven - Robert L. Duffus - Maxwell Anderson.

There was considerable intensive work on special themes ~~successful~~ going on. One student was collecting war slogans, another making a comparison of the declarations of war, each of ~~them declaring the~~ it caused and calling upon ~~Dr. Jordan~~ to ~~prove it~~. Another student was ~~examining~~ compiling tables showing the increase of the ~~costs in the twenty~~ military the year the cost of armament years from 1890 on, another the economic losses through the devastations caused by war, and so on. All interesting and useful material.

But study the work as closely as I could I could not for the life of me lay my hands on that definite something which the American needed. Finally I took my discouragement to Dr. Jordan and together we planned collaboration on a series of articles to be called "The Case Against War." Dr. Jordon in his autobiography, "The Days of a Man", tells of our scheme and what became of it, "crowding events permitted war to frame its own case."

~~At the coming of War~~ in August 1914 all of the ~~scenery~~ machinery on which peace lovers had ~~depended~~ counted collapsed. ~~They could do no more.~~ The socialists in a body in every country took up arms, so did organized labor, so did the professional advocates of peace.

It was not only this collapse of effort that had stunned me. From the hour war was declared (See Page 420 A

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Chiefly this was because of the apparent collapse of all the organized efforts to persuade or to force to peaceful settlement of inter-national quarrels. These had taken so large a place in the thinking, agitating of the liberal-minded groups with which I lived, that I had begun to delude myself that they were actually strong enough to keep the world out of war, in the future. Largely these efforts were the result of the revolution that the wars in the '90's had caused; the Boer War, the Turco - Greek War, the Spanish War. People who wanted to live in peace wrote books, talked, organized societies, - national and inter-national. Jane Addams stirred the English speaking world by her ideals of peace. William H. Taft, Elihu Root, leading public men, educators, combined in one or another society advocating this or that form of machinery.

And while this was going on Theodore Roosevelt was doing his best to counter-act it by his bold talk of war as a maker of men, the only adequate machine for preparing human beings for the beneficient strenuous lifehe advocated.

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Finding a substitute for war as a final resort when Nations fail to settle their difficulties by negotiation had been

~~This had been~~ bothering me for a long time. There had been war out-breaks in the '90's - the Boer War - the Spanish-American War and there was a growing world-wide attack on the problem. It is was in this period that Jane Addams' anguish over war took pregnant form in articles, books, talks, organizations. The Peace Movements multiplied, ~~particularly~~ in Europe, diplomatic machinery in favor of Peace seemed to strengthen. While this was going on every country had ~~its~~ advocates of war. In this country Theodore Roosevelt was making converts, startling his peace-loving friends by his bold talk of war as a maker of men, the only adequate machine for preparing human beings for a beneficient strenuous life.

What were ~~we~~ to do about it? ~~In some ways~~ It seemed to us ~~all at~~ The American Magazine that we ought to find a route ~~to combat the supposed glories and advantages and nobility-producing qualities of war.~~ How were we going to do it effectively in a magazine like The American? Certainly not by promoting organized efforts; certainly not by preaching. ~~It was~~ in 1910 when our attention was turned to what seemed a possibly useful educational effort against war, inaugurated at Stamford University by the President David R. Jordon. I knew Dr. Jordon slightly. His ~~pungnent~~ advocacy of/channels of world trade had helped keep ~~me~~ up ~~by~~ my ~~spirit~~ when laboring against the ~~pressure~~ groups so effectively closing them. What they were/doing in Stamford? It was decided that ~~it might be well~~ ~~that~~ I go out and see, at least there might be material for an

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article or two. And so early in 1911 Dr. Jordon arranged that I spent a few weeks at the University. He was very cordial, meeting me at Los Angeles where I arrived, low in mind from an attack of influenza. I remember that there was a peace meeting that night - Dr. Jordon was to speak. They expected me to speak and when I refused to get out of my bed they presented it as a proof of indifference to the cause. The idea of speaking extemporaneouly any where was at that time so impossible to me that coupled with my illness/It was quite out of the question. I would rather be regarded as a sneak than to attempt it.

But Dr. Jordon understood and laughed off my apology and together we made a leisurely trip to Palo Alto. He was a delightful companion when he felt like talking, as he often did, apparently knew everything. There was nothing which did not interest him and from looking out of the car window he talked of not peace at all, but birds and trees and fishes and Roosevelt and the recent earthquake. We talked of it over our meals where he amazed me by practically treating his butter as if it was the pièce de resistance of his dinner, He stowed it away in chunks, literally. It could not have been harmful for he was a magnificent specimen, approaching seventy at that time, and one of the hardest working men I have ever known.

At Palo Alto I found that the most exciting course then offered to the students was this on war and peace, that Dr. Jordon and his principle associate Edward Treatville had

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worked out. There were several public lectures and the big assembly room was packed. Among the students of his course in that period were some who had made names for themselves - Dr. Jordan (Page 289 Vol. II - Robert L. Duffus - Grace Anderson and others.

The lectures covered a big field, possibly as good an idea of what was put up for the students to do beside listening was from a letter from Dr. Krehbiel who catalogued some of these things in answer to my query.

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Dr. Krehbiel added what I noticed from the first "I have never had a class," he wrote me, "in which students worked so entirely because they seemed to want to."

It was hard to lay my hands on that definite something which we all felt on The American we must have if there was to be any real contribution.

I took my discouragement to Dr. Jordon. We talked it over seriously and as he says in his autobiography (Page 413)

~~entitled "The Case against War"~~ I planned to work out a series of articles which would land in a book entitled "The Case against War." I finally went back with my head full of title and with little more than generalities to embody it. Before anything happened, however, Dr. Jordon wrote, "The crowding events permitted war to frame its own case."

a number of students. Mrs. Edward Threbell in charge of the work under Dr. Jordan. Told the story of Lyle during the evening on Thursday [illegible]

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