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"BEAUTIFUL UNITY" by Prof. Nicholas Roerich. Youths' Art & Culture Circle, Bombay. Rs. 2-8.

THE Youths' Art & Culture Circle, Bombay, are to be congratulated on their lofty aspirations, and, with this object, on their publication of the little book "Beautiful Unity" by the well-known writer and artist, Professor Nicholas Roerich. In these days of disunity among nations it is good to find an optimist like Roerich, who says "Art will unify all humanity". That is indeed a comforting statement in this atomic age, but Roerich always looks well into the future and says "we greet the future with a happy smile." He also speaks of superb vistas of the glorious future.

There is much that is uplifting in this little book, which contains many beautiful thoughts and expressions which should be inspirations for the youth of today and help them to see beyond the strife and turmoil through which we are passing to an age of beautiful unity, which they themselves may help to create. It is this sort of encouragement that is so badly needed, especially in India where communal hatred is being fostered.

The frontispiece consists of a portrait of Professor Roerich by his son, Svetoslav, the original of which is in the Luxemburg Museum, Paris. There is a foreword by Abanindranath Tagore, in which he refers to the greatest of all arts—the art of living. When one considers all that is implied in "the art of living" one realizes how few there are that have learnt it.

In all his works Roerich lays stress on the fuller education of youth, for, through the Light, which is knowledge, will the "glorious future" be attained.

The type is clear and format good, but it is a pity that occasionally the American spelling of such words as labour and colour is used.

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