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FOREWORD

Having recently returned from a business visit to England, and in the course of which it was my duty to travel over most of the United Kingdom, I personally observed some of the appalling conditions which prevail and the dire straits in which many of the population are to be found, and as a result my soul is moved to make this appeal to the people of New Zealand. Great Britain is not in any way decadent, but is suffering from the aftermath of those years, 1914-1918 A.D., a period of Satanically inspired conflict of flesh and blood. The Motherland bore a large part of our burden and her "Great-heart" has since succoured many a smaller and unfortunate neighbour by heaping upon herself their burdens. Recuperative powers in action are already evidenced, but should not we show our gratitude by sharing a portion of her population, at once her burden and our salvation? Consider herein the advantage and stimulus to all occupations with the advent of fresh virile manhood and womanhood, and the means of satisfactory absorption.

A.G.

HESITATION IS STAGNATION, PURPOSE IN ACTION IS ADVANCE

It is an axiom that immediate action without thoughtful consideration of the after affect upon the subject of the action, and also upon the environment into which he is thrown, is disastrous and an economic waste. All national and international legislators recognise this truth and endeavour, with more or less success, to foresee the result of proposed legislation. But it is no less a truth that in the exigencies of the battle of life, there is often occasion for drastic action regardless of immediate consequence. It is then that statesmanship and organisation are tested, and either scrapped or brought to the highest state of efficiency in bringing out of the eruptive force, order, stability and progressive development. In such work, administration has the assistance of that quality of untold value, mankind's capacity for re-adjustment.

A WORLD MARCHING IS PROGRESS. DIVINE PLAN BEING FULFILLED. VISION AND ORDER. FREEDOM AND SWEETNESS.

History, that background of our present standards and record of the world's experience, furnishes the enquirer with numerous instances of these forces being at work for the betterment of the circumstances of the peoples of the world at large. Whether this development be considered from the angle of the emancipation of peoples from religious bigotry to liberty in Divine worship or from the angle of the transmigration of large masses of peoples from Central Europe to the

western side of the continent, as the story of the centuries immediately preceding the Middle Ages tells, it will be agreed that there was disturbance and upsetting in both the old order and the new; but who shall say that the net result was not gain to the individual in spheres both old and new, in material gain from the development of fresh resources and its distribution and also from the broadened vision of life with its tolerance of individual privilege and freedom?

Not the least important factor in the reaching of this higher standard of life was the God implanted ability in the individual to assimilate, under wise direction and judicious control, the discipline of the new conditions, and the using of it for still greater achievement. In effect the same story is told in the record of the development of the American continents, including the secession from the British Empire of what is now the United States of America. As a result, the world at large is a better place in which to live, and as statesmanship with its increased capacity for anticipation and aptitude for grasping opportunity progresses, always remembering the foundation to be the individual recognition of the privilege of Sonship of God with Christ and its obligations, so will mankind continue to prosper and develop. To maintain that progress, organisation with elasticity must follow hard after the legislation.

**BRITAIN'S TRUST—WILL SHE FAIL?
INVESTMENT DEMANDS USAGE.
UNOCCUPANCY IS NOT ECONOMIC.
RE-ADJUSTMENT INVOLVES PERPLEXITIES**

In the centuries past, the nations have pressed northward, they have encircled the globe, and today the trend is southward to the Island continent

and its neighbouring lands fit for the habitation of men. Eager eyes of every race are searching the horizon and speculating on the possibilities of advance. In the providence of God, these lands have come under the leadership of the Anglo-Saxon race with its capacity for exploration, development, tenacity of purpose and powers of maintenance. The lands are the heritage of this race, but a heritage is subject to all the conditions of the original gift. The conditions here are in the main, those which have reference to the recognition of the Creator who bestowed the heritage.

Australia and New Zealand need populating with the sons and daughters of Britain, in whose veins flows the blood of those hardy adventurers who a century ago and less, dared to brave the difficulties of pioneering; and unless this is done both from the descendants of the relatives left in the Homeland, and the descendants of the pioneers themselves, the Anglo-Saxon race has no moral right to hold the land, and of physical right there will be none against the overwhelming force of the slowly but surely stirring Eastern peoples.

To give effect to this desirable and most necessary development of Empire building, if we would maintain our position of world leadership in every branch of constructive thought and action, it is imperative that drastic action be taken immediately and the problem dealt with now. The need is urgent. For the benefit of our brothers and sisters in the Homeland take no present thought of the consequences. Great Britain groans with the burden of her excess population—men and women with their children, who have all the right of the Colonial born (and these are parented by sons and daughters of the Homeland) to the sunshine and fresh air of the great open spaces of the unoccupied lands. Shall the selfishnesses of our hearts, those in

authority and laymen, be the dominant factors in life? "It will mean disturbance," someone says. Of course it will, but there are three factors at the Dominion's command which will quell the disturbance, and out of the seeming chaos bring the order and peaceful progression which are the desire of every well balanced person.

**DIFFICULTIES IN SOLUTION—VISION
AND ACTION—BARRIERS OF SELFISHNESS
ARE DEMOLISHED—LIFE IS BARTER—
MEANS OF EXCHANGE AVAILABLE.**

What are these factors?

Briefly: (1) Statesmanship.

(2) Financial resource with business-like economy in administration.

(3) Social organisation and practical religious application without which man's development is incomplete.

There are men in England and New Zealand, to bring the subject directly before our personal notice, with capacity, vision and courage to attack the enemy which has a stranglehold on the young life of the Dominion and the Old Land struggling for expression. The selfishnesses of human-kind, the lust for personal power, evidenced in many high and low places, sicken the hearts of many of the most capable and disgust them to the point of unconcern. Thank God all in authority are not possessed with this baseness of purpose, but let us have more men and women possessed with single and undivided hearts given the opportunity to guide the nation. Herein is a call to the masses to recognise that "righteousness exalteth a nation" and to use their powers accordingly. Who shall make the first move? The Dominion must. Her need is apparent, for the country cannot develop its possi-

bilities without people—no nation succeeds on primary industries alone—and the Britons are longing for the opportunity.

It may be said here that finance is the difficulty, but the fact remains that every year the British Government is laying aside millions of pounds sterling for Empire development in the transferring to Overseas Dominions her surplus peoples and thus far only a minute fraction of this vast sum has been spent. Is it that the Dominion has not made a decent offer to the Home Government to make worth while the investment of a fair proportion of this money? There has been conference with Imperial Government gentlemen, but no action. Let the Dominion invite her kith and kin from overseas to come and dwell within her borders and the money will come with them. The new arrivals will make their own demand for the supplying of the necessities of life, and industry, both land settlement and manufactures, will develop to meet the need. This will be expressed in housing, supplying of clothing and the growing of food-stuffs, all requiring the profitable employment of men and women. There is initiative in many hearts and brains longing for half a chance for expression. The consolidation would be in the hands of large hearted, but careful men of affairs, who would be working for the welfare of every section of the numerically increased and progressive community.

DEVELOPMENT ENTAILS SUSTAINED ACTION—SPIRIT, MIND AND HEART THE MEASURE OF THE MAN—DIVINE QUALITIES—AVENUES OF SERVICE—MEANS OF SUSTENANCE—ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Men of vision having tackled the problem and set the movement on foot, followed by men of equal capacity engaged in the already referred to eco-

nomie administration in settlement, the next concern is the growth of men and women within themselves—that development of mind and heart with its untold possibilities of expansion in the comprehension of life's real purposes. In our fair land there are men and women representing organisations whose first consideration in life is not material (but not belittling this important factor—it is God supplied) and who are capable of co-operating with the two first agencies in the final settling of the disturbance created by the upheaval in the influx of the much-needed populace. Working on a purely philanthropic basis, these organisations may be Educational, Social or Religious. It is through these agencies and the avenues of service through which they work that the grosser expressions of life are lost, and nobility of character and personal worth are most highly expressed and the character of the Divine reflected.

Many of these organisations or agencies have had long experience and almost unqualified success in dealing with migration from the standpoint of Empire building. Disinterested service in direction has been the outstanding factor and the key to success. Valuable work has been performed and is still being performed by "Flock House," the Church of England, and other Churches, including the Salvation Army Immigration Department, not to mention the State Department itself. Cannot all of these forces be obliged to extend themselves to greater effort because of the pressing need of settling in society the new arrivals? The capacity and willingness for action is evidenced on all sides. There is no blare of trumpets but the earnest enquirer will find throughout the Dominion an integral part of the national life, transplanted from overseas, rising to the responsibilities of citizenship.

Consider for a moment the work of the Salvation Army Immigration Department, responsible direct to London, and yet working in harmony with the Dominion control. To date, apart from families in the earlier years of operation, seven hundred and three British youths have arrived in the Dominion, and after suitable training at the Putaruru Instructional Farm, or previously at Hadleigh Farm Colony, Essex, England, each placed in an approved farm situation. The latest computation is that ninety per centum of these young men, and men they are, the first batch having arrived over five years ago, are still engaged in farm work and developing into the type of manhood which has always been the "backbone" of the country. The Departmental Inspection Officers visit the lads on the farms at regular intervals and report to the Resident Secretary on the progress made. Problems are dealt with on the job and questions answered, and besides this, voluminous correspondence almost every day of the week testifies to the confidence of the lads in the Department, and in return the Department's concern for each individual ward. Even now preparations are being made for the summer tour of inspection and the transport necessary. The lads' finance is carefully supervised and invested for them, and current interest paid to the individual account.

The world-wide outlook of the Army in seeking the uplift of mankind, clarifies its vision of, enlarges its capacity for and strengthens its determination to carry on its Heaven-sent work in the more than eighty countries of the world.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE CHALLENGE.

Kindred Organisations are performing similar tasks with credit, and such effort should warm the



heart of every man and woman, and stir him or her to personal effort in the great crusade against evil, and for the granting of equal opportunity for all to make good in this life which is transient but real. The need is apparent, and the challenge rings out to the world, and God grant that there may be an individual, a national and even an international response to that challenge for the sake of suffering and obscured humanity.



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