

The diffusion of accurate information to each portion of the empire to every part will enable each of the dominions to effect sufficient modification in British procedure and viewpoint for local needs, without fear of being regarded either as lacking in loyalty or too widely divergent from tradition. Canada's task is that of constructing a nation almost "while you wait," which must, however, be a part of that *supernation* upon which the sun never sets. Hers is a constructive problem. She builds anew and does not have to dwell in chaos amid the litter of tearing down whilst she rebuilds her whole national fabric. She will therefore do wisely to profit by the experiences of the older nations in order that there may be no need of the uneconomic and tragic task of reconstruction.

In the development of Britain, undoubtedly her peregrinative propensity involved in sea supremacy has been the natural and rational outcome of her geographical position. In this, our parent country affords us the best possible example in the matter of profiting from the experiences of other peoples and the adaptation of their methods to British needs, whilst at the same time she is given to the world British standards of fair play, established justice, and carried law and order into the Seven Seas.

Japan at the present moment is perhaps the most conspicuous example of what a definite coordinated plan of procedure may do in hastening the solution of very real and pressing economic, social and political difficulties, dependent upon increase of population and limited territory. Her sons are models of patriotism in their eager willingness to expatriate themselves for years in order to bring back to Japan those up-to-the-minute scientific and cultural stimuli needed for national metamorphosis. Apparently, she seeks to be the carrying nation of the Pacific, realizing, as Britain

did before her, the real power and opportunity which lie in the assumption of such a function.

She is developing an educational system of which her university is an important part. She is training her youth, not only by training her schools and universities with the best obtainable talent of other countries, but in every land and in almost every university are Japanese who are gladly sacrificing years of their lives in order to bring home what she needs at this critical period. Her amazing success in the development and maintenance of physical fitness in the avoidance of disease and in the care of her wounded during the Russo-Japanese war startled the world. It is, however, only one of the many examples of the phenomenal advance which has resulted from her most painstaking and patient efforts to carry out, systematically and in detail, a carefully designed and fully matured plan for securing national efficiency.

The value of such a far-sighted nationwide scheme is to be seen in the present most wonderful economic and social revolution which is being effected in Germany. The careful preparation in advance of a program by which the state recognizes and provides education in all its stages and in all its phases, from the highest cultural development to the most practical industrial training, is to be credited with the marvelous progress of this country.

It does not suffice to leave to private effort and volunteer organization the provision of sources of culture and scientific study which may or may not become directly related to the practical upbuilding of a people. If the state assumes any responsibility at all for education, scientific research, investigation, cultural development and art, she should coordinate her various mechanisms, and see that all possible avenues are opened for the *direct* as