

for more than the acquisition of military power to ensure the safety of a single generation of their race. It is a period of preparation upon which depends the whole destiny of their race—and the hope of its survival in the future. If men consider, they will see that in the near future the British will be confronted in Europe by the united Teutons and in Asia by the united Slavs. To these world-forces the British cannot continue to oppose the strength, however great, of a single Island. They will see that these two race-nations—the rivals of Britain in the future—are making infinite sacrifices to acquire new spheres for their world-expansion, and are striving by every means to develop their national power, which neither Russia nor Germany draw from a single province of their respective empires. In the face of these activities, can the British continue to shirk both the effort and the sacrifice—not of money but of individual self—which is necessary for the defence of world-territories far richer and greater than those which other nations are striving, through infinite sacrifice, to acquire? Can they continue to depend for national power upon a single province of their vast dominions? Under these conditions the British can never hope to keep either success or power. It is clear that if their race is to survive they must adapt themselves forthwith to the future life-condition for survival in the inter-racial struggle for existence. They must merge their separate and local existence in true unity of national constitution. They must consolidate their vast potential forces in men and wealth throughout the globe—into national power. They must confront the race-nations of modern world-power upon equal conditions—as a properly organised race-nation. Of this great complex national problem the military problem is only a single issue—although a vital issue. But the same principle applies to its solution. This problem concerns the defence of an empire—not that of a single island. It touches the destiny of a race—not that of a single tribe. And the secret of its true solution rests with the individual British citizen—in his powers of patriotism and