

other, to have accepted its principles generally, and put them into effect, or to have rejected them in their entirety, than to have eradicated impatiently some uncertain iniquities and let other uncertain iniquities continue flourishing. Anyhow, something must be done at once, and properly. What is that to be? Well, we have an admirable example from the sister department, the Admiralty—another instance of the required efficiency and consequent freedom from unpopularity. What Sir John Fisher has been to Lord Selborne, let X. be to Mr. Arnold Forster. I am not qualified to work out the equation as to who X. shall be. Lord Rosebery, in the Chesterfield series of Imperial sermons, named Lord Kitchener for the post. What Lord Rosebery generally suggests, Conservatives and Radicals, as a rule, prefer not to adopt, because his lordship is somewhat of a feather-bed politician, more generous with suggestions than with elbow-grease. He calls for spade work, then looks through study-windows at other people digging. He points to a much-scrawled-upon slate, and tells the Liberals to clean it, but keeps his own sponge in his private satchel. That is why his blessed word "Efficiency" has been of so little effect among the Liberals—though the same word, properly applied, may be of saving use to us. But for once, his suggestion of a distinguished, experienced, military strong-man, associated with the Secretary of State for War as Sir John Fisher has been associated with the Lords of the Admiralty, is a good one. Its immediate adoption would at once allay half the anger, contempt, and distrust, with which the nation at large regards the War Office.

Leaving Pall Mall and coming to the Treasury, we find another great question which looks very ugly in the eyes of voters, the increasing enormous expenditure and load of debt which the country has to endure. This is no fault of the present Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. Austen Chamberlain is not a failure; on the contrary, he is one of those men of practical mind and indubitable rectitude whom the public service needs. A young man, placed in a position of the