

driven to extend and spread around them the field and benefits of their activities. Even outside of "progress" a word which is getting more and more difficult to invoke or even to define, there is a law devolving upon all civilized humanity, and that is the law of labour. Millions of men in Europe reduced to unemployment clamour for work to earn a living. An immense empire still offers in Africa untilled lands, unworked mines and large areas to produce the oil which modern mechanism requires, all of which the Rickett Syndicate has been a long time aware.

The colonizing country must no longer be content to turn to profit the natural resources of the land, but it must endeavour to understand the genius of its inhabitants to respect their customs, to govern ~~their~~ them through persuasion or through the imponderable forces of justice and charity, by working to improve the social welfare of the nations which become later on its indispensable auxiliaries.

Now Italy's history during the last two centuries when compared with many others, is marked with very few deeds of collective violence and of cruelties. In her first attempt^{at}/colonization Italy has given sufficient proofs of being mindful of humanity.

The great mistake was to have admitted Ethiopia into the League of Nations. Since her advent at Geneva, she has fulfilled none of the obligations which might have justified her presence in the illustrious Assembly. But it was useless to try to mend such mistake by a more serious error. This first

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