

are not proud of the disjecta membra, the confusion and circumscription in the Imperial Capital of the scattered and indignified representations of our Imperial life; nor are we the only ones to whom it has occurred that we have condoned these unmistakable conditions of racial inefficiency.

This one aspect of the project should appeal to us, then, with the greater cogency, the more we think about it, and that is the organization and centralization of headquarters as sympathetic with the idea of the organization and centralization of Empire. And when I speak of the centralization of Empire, I hasten in this modification to insist that with centralization must always be local autonomy and Imperial representation. When this is admitted, and understood, let us then admit and understand that the Empire cannot exist without organization and centralization. Perhaps, if there is any one idea more than another which is responsible for the direction of the greater movements of modern politics and economics, as well, it is the idea of synthesis. Everywhere we see springing up as if from seed widely sown, the practical fruits of the idea that more is to be accomplished in the world from union than through separation; more by working together than by working against each other; more in the organization and co-relation and co-ordination of parts, in the elimination of unnecessary waste, and in the addition of that utility and efficiency which comes from aggregation of assets, and from united effort, than from the unintelligent methods which for so long have found their expression in the *laissez-faire* doctrines and methods of an inefficient age which, when the rest of the world was less efficient, enabled our race to "muddle through."