

Lord, and of Gideon'. But heap in one pan of the balance all the grievous tragedies of America and of Australasia, the wholesale destruction of native races, all the bloodshed of India, and the calamities of South Africa, and in the other pan put just the one little word 'order', which has everywhere followed the flag, and it alone makes the other kick the beam. Everywhere this has been the special and most successful feature of British rule. We are entering upon a phase in which the natural results of this stable government upon the subject races are shown. Just as at home the fate of the rich is indissolubly bound up with that of the poor, so in the dependencies the fate of the strong and the weak cannot be dissevered; and whether he will bear or whether he will forbear, the brother's keeper doctrine of the strong, helpful brother must be preached to the white man. The responsibility is upon the nation to maintain certain standards which our civilization recognizes as indispensable on the supposition that our Western ideas are right; but we have to meet the fact that the ways of the natives are not our ways, nor their thoughts our thoughts; and yet we place them in such a position that sooner or later they become joint heritors with us of certain civil and social traditions and aspirations. It is in India and the Philippines that the political problem looms large, but no matter how large or how formidable it must not be allowed to interfere with the great primary function of the Anglo-Saxon as a policeman. There may be a doubt as to the grafting of our manners, and still greater doubt as to the possibility of inculcating our morals; a doubt also as to the wisdom of trying everywhere to force upon them our religion; but you will, I think, agree that the second great function of the nation is to give to the inhabitants of the dependencies, Europeans or natives, good health—a freedom from plague, pestilence, and famine. And this brings me to the main subject of my address, the control of the tropics by sanitation.

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