

life, in all its ramifications, is cast in an entirely different mould from that which fashioned the race which we are so proud to call our own.

No student of human life has ever dared to seriously advocate the blending of the Occidental and Oriental races as a practical step in the advancement of civilization. Some persons obsessed with a species of race conceit which, all too frequently, finds expression among us, have openly averred that we could assimilate any number of aliens; that the natural virility of our race is an impregnable bulwark against all danger from race mixture. This vain contention has been most assiduously advanced by these gentlemen in utter disregard of clearly apparent results, and of national laws, too well known to require repetition.

How can we, a people not exceeding in number seven and a half millions, expect to assimilate any considerable number of immigrants from races which number upwards of eight hundred millions, even if it were possible to do so without deteriorating?

Asia is awakening. The eight hundred millions of her people are gradually coming to a realization of their great numerical strength. Our chief defence against possible absorption by this almost irresistible power, lies in their internal dissensions and prejudices, which are so deeply rooted that they take precedence of everything else; also in the virility and stability of our race, a characteristic which has won for us the high position we hold among the nations of the earth, but if we should weaken in any degree the bonds of unity which hold the British Empire together, the boasted superiority of our race would be unable to save us from the attacks, economic, social and national, of the peoples beyond the seas.

Our country is vast in extent and requires "men" to develop it, but we cannot afford to be reckless in our choice of men in our haste for development. There are two great problems that we of this age must solve. They are: the basis of immigration, and the form of education.

We have been inclined to place too careless a value upon our citizenship, recklessly admitting to the full privileges of citizenship, people who know nothing of the principles of democratic government, with the result that thousands of votes are "delivered," in certain sections, on polling day. No man has a right to the franchise who does not know how to exercise it independently, or