

who know her least. Certain of our own Canadians seem, on their first arrival, to get somewhat out of temper with the eccentricities of the English telephone system, and never afterwards quite to recover their equanimity. They think meanly of British efficiency and organizing power, and keep wondering whether the leaders "really have their heart in the war." Signs of slackness are to them everywhere apparent, and they doubt whether the nation as a whole will ever get out of the rut in which it has been dragging on for so long. One critic was even heard to complain that the people did not walk fast enough in the London streets: there were no hustlers. Another even hinted—save the mark!—at graft. Such, however, were not the views of the men in the camps. They had enjoyed everywhere the kindest of receptions, and were strong in their consciousness of being free and equal partners in a great adventure. In spite of minor regrettable incidents, magnified perhaps by transmission from mouth to mouth, and notwithstanding the latent dread of encountering some unwelcome indication of the assumption of British superiority, our Canadian soldiers know that the people of the homeland are ready to meet them more than half-way. What they find different from their own manners and customs they do not immediately stigmatize as bad. They are ready to make allowances for the accretions and encrustations of tradition in a country that has been in business for over a thousand years. And there are many traditions in which they are proud to claim a share. Those of them who attended the unforgettable memorial service for Lord Kitchener at St. Paul's must have felt the thrill of a common brotherhood and the inspiration of a united patriotism. And in the vast cathedral there must have been few, very few, who would wish to be quoted as persons to whom their overseas kinsmen seem beings of an inferior order. Equality of political privilege in regard to matters of common interest will be achieved in time, with good will on both sides. Meanwhile the average man in the homeland is ready to put both arms around his colonial bro-