

that mightiest lesson in government, whether for small or great states—that God's justice faithfully wrought out by human instrumentality, is the true divine policy—teaching them night and day that, the just man is the strong man, and that the just nation will become in the long run the powerful nation—that the weak will cling to it—that the perplexed will look to it for counsel, and that even envious neighbours, while they hate it will respect and fear it. And, moreover, does she not sit teaching them that, she has achieved greatness, not solely by human energy, but by that energy being directed by heavenly justice—and she tells them all that she has risen to be *the umpire* of the world, not by her armies and fleets; but by ever sustaining the just cause. In fine, she tells all these *children* that, she has become the banker of the world by strict probity. And O, how noteworthy is it, that while she is teaching all this and doing all this, no boastings are heard from her lips. A noble reticence, a strange unconsciousness seems all the while to be deeply felt. She leaves her works to be spoken of by her children with admiration and gratitude, or *cares not much* whether they are spoken of at all. And it now requires to be deeply pondered, that if any of these colonies are smitten with such madness as not to appreciate their relationship to the mother country; and shall become so lost to all gratitude, and all present and prospective good, they may *leave*, and work out their own fortunes under other auspices. This really appears to be the singular attitude which Great Britain is now taking towards her colonies. The connection is henceforth to be mainly in moral force. But let all know that to do violence to this may be the most fatal act—the saddest kind of political suicidism.

"To whom much is given, of them much shall be required." To the Colonial Empire assuredly much has been given. But men may play it all falsely. Our statesmen may forget the truthfulness, manliness and justice of their native land. They may become mean men, and mean men are always unjust. They may substitute *finesse* for fair dealing, expediency for truthfulness, and low trickery for sacred justice. In their whole conduct, they may become so utterly false as to make their positions a loathing to all honest men. When it comes to this—the warning is not needless—it will be easy to read our horoscope. We shall