

poets have been equalled, and her artists and scientists eclipsed in other parts of the Old World.

Notwithstanding all this, O Britannia, "many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

Take that language which has a grating sound to some very refined ears among the nations. It starts northward, and as soon as Providence makes for it a path, it rises superior to all other tongues, long spoken by the earlier races. All prejudices in their favor and all efforts to preserve them amount to nothing. Die they must, apparently, or die they do, certainly, and English words stand in their place because Providence and the people will have it so.

The tongue starts westward, and lo, a great continent falls at its feet, and a sister continent to the south is every day adopting it more and more largely.

It starts eastward, and there again a big continent is swayed and controlled by it, and around the world, in every port and over innumerable islands, the English tongue more and more prevails.

From A.D. 1800 to 1900, Russian, German, Italian, Portuguese, French, Spanish made no advancement, counting heads of population, while the English tongue advanced 125 per cent.

"What is it?" you ask. "Trade?" Perhaps. "Her powerful navy?" Perhaps they both may have had something to do with it.

But these and many more do not explain it all and, perhaps, we cannot fully explain it. The one great reason of all is, I think, the English language con-