

ers, again, with imagined Christian piety, serious but blind, look upon it as a religious duty to give every assistance possible to these "sojourners from a foreign and heathen land." Still others welcome them as industrious and docile workers, who do not strike, who work cheaply and thus add to the employer's profits in various lines of industry.

In the first place, we wish to say, that the Japanese are of a race **not to be despised**. They are quick, intelligent, and skillful imitators. They are brave, and strong in physical constitution. They are ambitious, and have views of a future when their race shall dominate the world's affairs. They have a country which, geographically speaking, has an important strategic position. They have about fifty millions of one distinct race, and must have **more room**. They are keen, determined, and have a foreign policy which spells destiny. They must be respected, and dealt with on an equal basis.

On the other hand, we disclaim, absolutely, that we are called upon to be magnanimous in treating with them, or that our "Christian duty" demands that we sacrifice our position, in the slightest degree, as the dominant race. Honorable and strictly just dealings with them, **as a nation** in the great international realm, is the ut-most that can be demanded of us. As individuals—courteous, kind, and if you like, brotherly relations should exist. But too many would-be philanthropists confuse the "nation" with the "individual," and imagine that we are called upon to lay at the feet of a foreign nation our whole heritage, because, ~~forseen~~, a distorted imagination pictures it as an altruistic act. Referring to the contention, that we require the Japanese, on the grounds that they make good laborers, we wish to say that, in our opinion, the only persons who support this contention are those who derive personal profit from the system and who find temporary and immediate relief from certain economic labor problems. Japanese labor, however, is not a solution of these problems: being only, as intimated, a temporary relief, and, by the way, a relief which is altogether one-sided and entirely selfish. With the demands of labor we do not intend to deal at this time, other than to say, that it is a question which **must and should be met**. Its solution will mean that some existing injustices will be remedied and that changes will have to occur in our industrial system, but that these can be avoided by engaging Japanese, is arrant