

country Normandy, instead of England, as England is only a German name and many people now who formerly gloried in their German relationship are now getting ashamed of it. We would never have made any progress at all in civilization or founded or extended an empire as we have done only for the Norman Conquest. The civil wars in Britain bad as they were since the Norman Conquest would have been ten times worse if the original Celts and Anglo-Saxons were left to continue the war of extermination that the Anglo-Saxons carried on against the original Celtic natives. Perhaps the Celtic fringe Scotland, Ireland and Wales would have by degrees learned a little sense and joining together would have squeezed the Anglo-Saxons. There is undoubtedly more Celtic than Anglo-Saxons born in the present people of even the British Isles, and if we add to that the Celtic blood of the French Canadian, and if we add to that the Celtic Blood of our Norman cousins who have always been more sympathetic with us than the Anglo-Saxons and who were always quite as able if not more so than the Anglo-Saxons to take care of themselves, we may yet be able by a little more union among ourselves to make them a little more civil than it has been their general habit to be. Where does Anglo-Saxon supremacy come in any way. For over eight hundred years, the aristocracy who till quite recently were running everything pretty much as they liked in the British Isles were of Norman and not of Anglo-Saxon stock. Poor patient Hodge had always his nose to the grindstone, but like the unfortunate wandering Jew he seems to find some consolation in imagining himself some superior person even when he sleeps at night on the banks of the Thames and a Welshman is at last raised up to be a dictator over the British Isles.

Now, I have too much respect for the average Englishman of our days, notwithstanding his intoxication with a superfluity of conceit, to libel him by classifying him as direct descendant of these ancient day light robbers — the Anglo-Saxons of fourteen hundred years ago, who exterminated the original natives of what is now called "British England" and squatted himself in their place apparently without any conscientious scruples that he was doing anything wrong. As he did not profess to be a Christian, then, we cannot blame the church for his bad deeds, but as the Celts seemed to have imbibed Christianity before their annihilation in many districts, the question remains as to what extent the church of these days as so many times since has been responsible for their misfortunes.

The same game was tried north of the Tweed, in Great Britain and in Small Britain or Ireland, by the Plantation of Ulster, by