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## Editorial

### ENGLAND'S RESPONSIBILITY

Whether the first Britons who lived in caves and covered their bodies with the hides of wild animals ever dreamed of a world empire for their clan we know not. But if they did that dream has been fully realized by their posterity, for on the present British Empire the sun never sets. In every corner of the known earth the British flag now floats. Her subjects constitute all races of mankind. But as she has stretched her hands across the seas and has planted her flag on the shores of every continent she has assumed responsibilities of such gigantic proportions that it would seem to be the task of supermen—super statesmen to shoulder such obligations.

Let us take India as a case in point. India is a country of many separate and distinct races with as many different religions. Millions there are who are grossly ignorant and almost hopelessly enmeshed in dark superstition. There is still another class. They are the educated class who have been educated in the Western world. They have gone back to India and have disseminated among their people, the education, the civilization and the idea of freedom of the West. Then there are the ten millions of "untouchables" who are loathed and despised and looked down upon by all the balance of India. One writer contends that one of the best arguments in favor of England's releasing its hold on India is the fact that England has ruled India for close on to a century and that up to the present England has made no progress towards bringing this heterogeneous nation together.

Looking at the English rule from the viewpoint of Mahatma Gandhi and other educated Indians, there are many reasons why they should desire to govern themselves. Just before being taken to prison Gandhi issued his manifesto in which he gave good reasons why the Nationalist party is dissatisfied with English rule. Although referred to as the fanatic of the age, anyone reading Gandhi's manifesto with an unbiased mind must readily confess that his reasoning is profound, that his purpose is high and beyond question for the good of all India; and that Gandhi is one of the few real patriots which the world has produced.

Egypt is now demanding full possession of the Sudan, thereby raising

an age-old dispute which dates back to the time of the Old Testament. In those days Egypt was unable to settle this question without going to war with her rival. Are our diplomats and our statesmen more astute?

From S. Africa come reports of riots and general unrest among the natives because of the restrictions placed upon their franchise, because of labour restrictions such as is caused by the Color Bar Bill because of continued encroachment upon native lands and because of what they consider unjust taxation. The S. African government may be able to quell the present uprising with guns and soldiers but mark you, if the real cause is not sought for and removed, if the roots are not eradicated by kindness and justice and equity, new and greater troubles will spring up to curse the whole of S. Africa.

In ruling subject peoples, governments must learn to go far enough to show respect for certain native beliefs and certain unassailable rights of the natives. Governments should keep their skirts clear of the suspicion of using its power to usurp natives' rights, native lands and resources for the good of the government alone. For if such suspicion ever creeps in there is then no power on earth, not even the satraps and their legions, that can restore peace and confidence to the natives. Subject people will become amenable to laws which are proven just and equitable, when the laws apply alike to those governed and to those who govern.

Because of the vastness of her possessions indeed England's responsibilities are great. If she can raise up a brand of statesmen with great visions and clear discernment, men that can wear the brand of supermen, all will end well; and if she fails to do this, all will not be so good.

### HERE NOW AND GONE

Though other with me do not see  
That ne'er should vex nor worry me;  
Thus it has been, and thus 'twill be  
Till Time becomes Eternity.

And there'll be no more strife.  
Oh! God forbid I e'er should be  
So goggled-eyes I cannot see  
That higher law, which sets men free  
From narrowness and bigotry,  
To live the nobler life.

None judgeth well, not knowing all,  
Or dares his brother's sin to bawl!  
At his tribunal who should fall!  
The voices which to others call  
To him may speechless be.

I bow at no man's beck and call  
Who would my free-born soul enthrall  
Before the Master Mind of all  
My seeking soul must stand or fall  
Through all eternity.

Out o'er the world there's constant need  
Of kindly thought and word and deed;

To daily paths I must give heed,  
For life is more than boasted creed,  
Well-worded though it be.  
There may be lambs or sheep to feed  
Or mine own soul to plant, or weed,  
Where duty calls I'd off with speed,  
Whate'er may be the time or need,  
The summons is for me.

Let go what will, or come what may,  
I well should walk on life's stern way  
What thoughtless critics have to say

Shall vanish soon, as mists away,  
While time and tides move on.  
I'd ne'er be sullen, ne'er too gay,  
Be slow to scoff, be apt to pray,  
Store treasures in my heart away,  
Till mourners at my tomb must say:  
We deeply grieve he's gone!

—MACH

## John Brown and Harper's Ferry

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provinces which furnish asylums for our fugitives and send them and their hired cutlaws upon us from depots and rendezvous in the bordering states."

Speaking again on Dec. 22, 1859, to a gathering of medical students who had left Philadelphia, the governor said: "With God's help we will drive all the disunionists together back into Canada. Let the compact of fanaticism and intolerance be confined to British soil."

The New York Herald quoted Wise as calling upon the president to notify the British Government that Canada should no longer be allowed, by affording an asylum to fugitive slaves, to foster disunion and dissension in the United States. The Virginia governor seems even to have had the idea that the president might be bullied into provoking trouble with Great Britain. "The war shall be carried into Canada," he said in one of his outbursts.

The pro-slavery viewpoint was reflected by a portion of the Tory press of Upper Canada, The Leader declaring that Brown's attack on Harper's Ferry was an "insane raid" and predicting that the south would sacrifice the union rather than submit to spoliation. The viewpoint of the Leader may be further illustrated by its declaration that the election campaign of 1860 was dominated by a "small section of ultra-abolitionists who make anti-slavery the beginning, middle and end of their creed. As for Lincoln, he was characterized as "a mediocre man—a fourth rate lawyer."

Canada's relation to John Brown's adventure was, of course, proven after the collapse of the enterprise. The seizure of his papers, the evidence given at the trial and the evidence secured by the Senatorial Committee which investigated the

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