

babe whose growth under God they mean to ensure. It is a grand thing to see the faith in a country's future which is to be seen in that city; for true faith begets genuine work; and no prophet is needed to tell the future of such a land. And when the government of a country is not left, as in our colonies it often is, to hired politicians alone, but is watched and strengthened by the hands of young men whose inexperience may be great, but whose energies are strong; so strong that they are better than the wisdom of old political hacks who often confound the interests of countries and cabinets; then, then indeed, we see on the horizon a perpetual sun, and find in the people's heart an ever strengthening pulse. Nor are these men mere dreamers. Their patriotic work is done in the intervals of professional labour; their helping hands go not to build castles in the air, but to make roads and railways, to people by immigration their new districts in the West, to foster trade, and to spread education and to train themselves and others to arms. And such men are all the more necessary. Because the existence in our colonies of representative government has had one undoubted disadvantage; it has created a class of professional politicians to whom place is everything, including daily bread. The *ratting*, the toadying of voters, the pandering to wrong commercial and evil