

Durham or Northumberland, say, so many of whom have gone to the war—and yet they might “make good” if acclimatised. Those first few months are absolutely vital in determining whether they will find their feet or not. Give them the opportunity by training or in some other way; give them the chance of finding their feet and picking up the necessary minimum of experience, and then you may get the type of person you want to people a country. That seems to me one of the first and requisite essentials of all, and that is one of the problems for which a solution must be found. One more requisite—ordinarily neglected, but just as important—is this: that we are far too inclined to think the problem of emigration is concerned only with men, whereas the emigration of women is most important.

I will not trespass further on your time, but will only say again that it is not only a pleasure but an inspiration to us to know that others of our own fellow-subjects of the King are over here and are filled with precisely the same feelings that animate us, and can utter them with the force and sincerity which Mr. Hearst has shown this afternoon. I am quite sure also that, just as all of us are absolutely determined to see this war through to a finish, so, when we have seen it through, if we face the future as we ought and solve these problems successfully, even all the miserable evil of this war will thus be overruled by Providence for the good of our children and our country in the future.