

ander and Napoleon never did the like. Only Rome in her greatest days did what England has been doing, as a matter of course, for one hundred years . . . This, with its direct consequences in Egypt, East Africa, the South African Protectorates, Cuba, and the Philippines, is the one achievement which discriminates the Anglo-Saxon destiny from all others in the world, and abundantly redeems it from the charge of seeking its own good alone. If these claims can be made good, England has reason enough to be grateful for India; nor should the Dominions be slow in coming to claim their share also of what ought to be the common privilege of the race."

Thus, Imperialism, in its modern conception, is not an alternative to Nationalism, nor does it mean the substitution of a "British" nationalism for a Canadian nationalism. It is something beyond and above either. The better nationalist a Canadian, a Scotsman, or a South African is, the better Imperialist he will be, for the basis of nationalism is a resolute determination to sustain the responsibilities which are the pride of a free people. Citizenship is not a matter of privilege only, but of self-sacrifice for the common good. A man is not a worse head of a family because he is a patriotic citizen, nor a bad Transvaaler because he loves South Africa, nor need he be a less stalwart Canadian because he upholds the Empire too.

The fundamental fact is that Imperialism is just as much a problem for Great Britain as it is for Canada. Imperialism cannot be "British" any more than it can be Canadian or Australian. It must represent the common patriotism of the whole. The real British Empire—the Empire which is to mark an epoch in history—cannot be made by Britain, Canada, or Australia, alone. It must be the union of free peoples voluntarily consenting.

It is no use blinking the fact that no true "British Empire" exists to-day. There is no Empire, because there is no real imperial patriotism, and there is no imperial patriotism because there is no common body to formulate