

agricultural science, with the conservation of the limitless resources of Asia, it is likely that the population of that country will be doubled before our grandchildren are all dead.

Those who know Asia best know very well that empty and accessible lands will not go begging; and unoccupied and unowned resources will not be let alone by races who number those in their hundreds of millions who are driven ever outward and onward by the hindmost of all necessities, animal hunger.

Again, let us remember that Asia is adopting our democratic ideas and catch-words without our knowledge and discipline; but this is not to boast too loudly of our discipline, except to say that I would not have the hardihood to deny that, on the whole, Regent Street will compare favourably with the thoroughfares of Peking at the present moment. There can be no doubt that with this unformed Oriental rejuvenescence a new migratory instinct is being born, and a new blind migration is likely to begin which may combine the irrational motives of the Crusades with the irresistible ferocity of Jenghis Khan. In fact we know so little of the psychology of Asia that it is wholly impossible for us to make a forecast of what a race may do which has been asleep for four thousand years, and which all at once has begun to rub sleepy eyes and stretch lusty limbs. Solemn portents lie in a race movement when, as in young China, her student bodies are breaking into the national assembly rooms with petitions wet from their life's blood, singing the Marseillaise in the halls of the Manchus.

So far as the empty and undeveloped reaches of our Empire are concerned the awakening of Asia is happening little too soon. I wonder if we are waking too late?

I bring you tidings from the watch-towers of your Imperial outpost on the North Pacific. There are red lights on the sea where the sun sets.