

sufficient vitality to ensure that we shall overcome the grave perils that menace our future.

In the past, every real crisis in the history of the English-speaking peoples has revealed a man prepared and able to save the situation.

Some of the founders of New England expressed the opinion that "the colonies could never be happy or easy whilst the French were masters of Canada." In the fullness of time the man appeared in the person of the great Pitt.

He chose Wolfe, whose victory at Quebec made the United States possible, according to the French philosopher, inevitable. A critical question of navigation of the St. Lawrence was involved, but Wolfe had Cook, the famous navigator, at his right hand. In this struggle, George II had no more loyal subject than George Washington. As this enterprise had been undertaken at the request of the Colonists and for their benefit, it seemed only right that the Colonists should pay part of the cost. The stupidity and want of statesmanship of the British Government of the day raised an issue on which, in the opinion of the wisest men in Great Britain at the time, including Burke, the Colonists were right and the British Government wrong.

It is unnecessary to describe the result, but it is pertinent to observe that in the critical years which followed the Independence of the United States they had the far-sighted advice and statesmanlike guidance of Alexander Hamilton, whose work, as F. S. Oliver has shown, can now be studied with great advantage by those interested in the permanence of the British Empire.

To interpret the Constitution framed by Hamilton, Madison and their associates, appeared in due time Chief Justice John Marshall, the greatest Jurist this continent has yet produced. His statesmanlike exposition and development of the federal principle constituted an invaluable service, not only to the United States, but also to humanity, and especially to the English speaking peoples, who must solve many of their problems by applying the federal principle.

If you bear in mind that the founders of Virginia were