

small as are the number great have been their achievements. For more than a century they have been occupied with the arduous task of pioneering work. Remote from the complications of European politics and undisturbed by the clash of hostile arms within her boundaries, her people have been content to pursue the paths of peaceful progress. With no reputation for military activities their wondrous rally to the cry that freedom was in danger was a surprise to the enemy and an inspiration to the people of the Allied countries. This great army hastily raised by voluntary effort won their spurs on that grey morning in April, 1915, when they faced an unknown foe at Anzac Cove: they have gained fresh laurels on many a field of battle since that day, and they have proved themselves worthy to stand alongside of the best troops of the Empire. They have been forced to participate in European policy and have made good a claim at least for consultation in the consideration of those matters which might result in the shedding of the best blood of the sons of the Commonwealth. They are a nation worthy of the stock from which they sprang.

Unfortunately Australia's output is at a figure lower than its capacity on account of the comparatively few hands engaged in production. The time will come, I hope, when the population of the Commonwealth will increase rapidly, when the output of wealth will be multiplied in quantity and value, and the raw materials will be available primarily for the constituent members of a mighty cohesive and self-sustaining Empire. On the other hand, Australians will still maintain their policy of a White Australia, and are prepared to fill their vacant spaces with their own stock from these islands and thereby obtain added strength to maintain a policy of racial purity.

At the present moment, however, any propaganda with regard to emigration is inopportune. The various Governments of Australia have the paramount responsibility of repatriating their own returned soldiers, either in city or rural pursuits. At the same time it is felt that every available man and woman is required in the United Kingdom to