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Bishop's Proposal

JAPAN'S SOLUTION

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the Marine Department for all Japanese ships trading in those ports. All stationers sell scale maps of your principal cities. Would those Japanese then be likely to be surveying?

"WHAT do you think is the solution to Japan's problems?"

No immigration scheme that takes only 20,000 people a year from Japan can solve the country's problem, said the Consul. Japan's population is increasing at the rate of over 800,000 a year. The most important thing left to her is to develop her industry and commerce so that she can give jobs to the younger generation.

BEHIND those last words of the Consul lies a wealth of meaning. It is easy to be indignant against Japan for her invasion of China and her inexcusable military terrorism. Behind all this, however, lies what the Japanese consider is a struggle for their racial existence.

The population of the Island Empire of Japan to-day is 71,000,000 inhabitants in an area of 147,000 square miles. The numbers are increasing at the rate of 800,000 a year. Those people demand the right to live.

THERE are four suggested solutions to meet the situation. Birth control, agricultural improvement, emigration, and trade expansion.

As far as the first is concerned there is a traditional reluctance in the East to sanction a method that interferes with the social unit of the family. In agricultural expansion and production, Japan finds that the maximum yield to the acre in her country is almost reached. In emigration, the doors of 19 countries where the Japanese could most favourably emigrate are now legally closed to the Japanese.

The one remaining solution for Japan is trade expansion. Here again resentment has been aroused abroad by the aggressive initiative that marked Japan's invasion of foreign markets. Barriers have been erected against her in every part of the world. By the end of 1934, at least 40 States had imposed trade restrictions on Japanese goods.

Facing formidable trade barriers in most parts of the world, Japan turned to China. She has more at stake in China than in any other foreign country, her investments there totalling £300,000,000.

With the rise to power of the Chinese Nationalist Party in 1927, and anti-foreign agitations and boycott, Japan saw her one chance of survival on the point of vanishing. Soon afterward she acted, first in Manchukuo in 1931, later in China proper just over a year ago.

Her only alternative, says Japan, would have been starving to death in her own back-yard.

I CANNOT believe that Christ has one grace to give Episcopalians and another to non-Episcopalians.—*The Bishop of Gloucester.*