



THE specific application of this spiritual heritage and its attendant prestige to New Zealand must be apparent to the meanest intellect. It is almost superfluous to catalogue the advantages of our Imperial connection and enumerate our obligations to the Motherland—but let us try.

Empire Day and what it Signifies

(Concluded from last week.)

1. **ETHIC OF EMPIRE.** Participation in the unique spiritual patrimony which vindicates in the world of civilisation the basic principles of liberty, equity and tolerance.

2. **BRITISH CITIZENSHIP.** Citizenship of the British Empire—carrying with it respect and deference all over the world.

3. **SECURITY.** Protection by the Royal Navy—the sure shield of Empire—a protection which rendered possible the exploration, charting, colonisation, and development of New Zealand, and has maintained its existence ever since. We have never defrayed more than a mere fraction of the cost of this naval protection.

4. **TRADE INSURANCE.** The safeguarding of all trade routes by the British Navy. Our protection from enemies, the policing of the seas, and eradication of piracy.

5. **MARKET.** The privilege of the greatest, most stable, and most honestly conducted market in the world for our primary produce, which transcendent privilege surely entails on our part the obligation of reciprocating by according real and substantial preferential treatment to British manufacturers.

6. **FINANCE.** The provision of money on safer and far cheaper terms than are procurable elsewhere in the world.

7. **DIPLOMATIC SERVICES.** The privilege of utilising the world wide diplomatic and consular services of Great Britain.

8. **EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD.** The privilege of the Empire Marketing Board, which not only gives by its publicity campaigns preference to Colonial produce, but, by munificent expenditure in scientific research throughout the Empire, facilitates by expert advice the development of our national resources without the slightest expense to ourselves. For instance, the Cawthorn Institute (Nelson) has received a subscription of £2000 a year for several years. Expert advice is provided for all primary industries, and valuable bulletins and reports are always available.

9. **INTER-IMPERIAL CONSULTATION.** Through inter-Imperial consultative machinery the receipt of confidential information of the highest importance in regard to international developments and foreign policy, trade, and general matters.

10. **EXPERT GUIDANCE.** The immediate accessibility of expert advice and co-operation in connection with governmental, financial, and cultural matters in the Dominion.

11. **LAW.** Judicial Committees of the Privy Council—the most authoritative tribunal in the world—available for law appeals. The inestimable boon of law, swift, just, inexorable, without reck or heed of pelf or power.

12. **PAKEHA AND MAORI.** The present happy relation between Pakeha and Maori and the full admission of the Maori to social and political rights, are the outcome of the Treaty of Waitangi (1840)—another instance of the dual mandate of the Empire so signally discharged by British Colonial Administration.

13. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** Standards of British sportsmanship in our life—Britain has taught us to honour the game before the prize, to play the game for the game's sake, to be modest in victory, generous in defeat, and chivalrous to foes.

14. **EDUCATION.** In the vital sphere of education, Britain has taught us the lesson of efficiency as against superficiality and of culture as against a trade-mark. From Britain we have learnt that education is primarily an affair of the spirit, and that its great objective is character.

15. **GOVERNMENT.** In the province of government we have adopted British standards of integrity and service which are unique in the world. The incorruptibility of British political life has set the highest standard in the world as an exemplar to the Dominions. British integrity and British respect for law and order are proverbial, and have set a fine tradition for the Dominions.

16. **JOURNALISM.** New Zealand journalism has adopted the best British standards. The tone of our Press is clean, wholesome, and of good intellectual standard.

17. **HOME LIFE.** The Motherland links us to her by the white bond of a pure home life and high family ideals.

18. **IN ART AND LITERATURE** our ideals and standards are moulded on British patterns, and our spiritual kinship with the Motherland is forever vitalised by this communion. It must never be forgotten that English poetry in variety, richness, and inspiration, is the greatest body of verse ever produced in the world, and bears irrefutable evidence to the idealism of the race.

British Character.

AMONG most recent appraisement of British character are those of the Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher and Mr. Justice Denis Murphy, who agree on the following outstanding points:—Innate love of order and respect for law; passion for individual liberty and rights; broad tolerance and sense of humour; efficiency and thoroughness; congenital incapacity to recognise defeat; spirit of compromise; sportsmanship and sense of fair play; commonsense and pragmatic attitude to life.

These are the qualities of character that have built up an Empire which defies logical analysis and is an enigma to outsiders, but for generations has been a terror to tyrants, a safe asylum to the persecuted, a protection to the weak, and the charter party of individual freedom.

As we review this summary we must endorse the statement of the London "Times" that "Nothing in our education can compare in importance with the firing of the mind of our pupils with some such conception of the greatness of the British Empire as will breed in them a pride therein and a sense of joyous loyalty thereto. To instil into a boy's mind a pride and love of his country, and to give him a knowledge of the greatness and inner meaning of the British Empire, should be the first duty of every school and

every master, and to assure himself that this is being done, should be the first duty of every parent."

The Motherland, steeped in beauty rich in the history of four thousand years, calls to us with deathless memories of a rare breed of men. Her epic story falls in splendour about our path. Her deeds quicken our steps when they lag or falter. Her courage helps us to walk uprightly in the pure light of undying faith. We feel our hearts burn by the way as we ponder these high things.

Remembering this Empire embraces five hundred millions of people and comprises one quarter of the earth's surface. We grant that in relative strength of armaments, Britain to-day has not the marginal supremacy of old. She has forfeited willingly her old policy of masterly aloofness, of splendid isolation. She has fully realised the new era wherein moral and intellectual greatness are superseding force. Her greatness is such, her potentialities so vast, that she can afford to take risks for world peace.

A recent issue of the American journal "Commerce and Finance," which has a high reputation for ability, contained the following comment:—

"Britain affords an example of indomitable courage, and plays her role in a fashion that compels the world's acclaim. In the present universal depression, her example is an inspiration to a world that might have been excused for being downhearted. Her taxation has been increased to a degree besides which our own is comparatively insignificant. By the war, her national debt has increased more than tenfold.

"Yet despite these adversities the British people have carried on with the doggedness and fidelity of purpose ever associated with the national name and tradition. Repair and reconstruction have been maintained by the extraordinary vitality and resourcefulness of the nation. Britain is still probably the richest country per capita in the world."

In the words of the Prime Minister at Quebec during the last visit of the delegates of the Parliaments of the Empire to Quebec:—

"We are in our own house masters of our destinies, masters of our future, and partners in the mightiest Empire the world has ever known. Can we desire a better fate?"

During these difficult times, we may, with sympathy and admiration, think of Britain as having fully justified the following magnificent tribute which was paid to her by Emerson during the dark days of the Crimean War. Emerson wrote:—

"I see her, not dispirited nor weak, but remembering that she has seen dark days before; indeed with a kind of instinct, that she sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that in storm of battle and calamity, she has a secret vigour and a pulse like canon. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young, and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion. Seeing this, I say, All Hail, mother of nations, mother of heroes, with strength still equal to the time; still wise to en-

ertain and swift to execute the policy which the mind and heart of mankind requires in the present hour, and thus, only hospitable to the foreigner, and truly a home to the thoughtful and generous, who are born in the soil. So be it! So let it be!"

Trade Notes

THE Weston Electrical Instrument Corporation, represented by Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., has purchased the Jewell Electrical Instrument Company of Chicago. The entire Jewell organisation will be moved to the Weston plant at Newark, but instruments under the name "Jewell" will be marketed throughout the world as heretofore.

Standard Telephones will be in charge of the New Zealand distribution in both Weston and Jewell instruments

Raytheon Valves

THE name of Raytheon valves is familiar to most experimenters who delved into power-pack construction in the early days, when a filamentless valve was looked upon as the last word in rectifiers. Few probably know, however, that the Raytheon Company, who manufacture these valves, have for some time past marketed a complete line. They employ the exclusive four-pillar construction, and are sturdy, excellent specimens in their various types. They are the usual American standards and can now be obtained at most radio dealers.

Electric Clocks

Made by Ferranti

THERE are now on the New Zealand market electric clocks from the world-famous firm of Ferranti Ltd., Hollinwood, Lancashire. The Ferranti electric clocks are quite inexpensive, and the running cost is so low as to be negligible. The clock may be run from any ordinary lamp or power socket, provided that the socket is not switched off at any time—or, better, it can be permanently wired. After connection, the clock will run for ever without winding or attention of any sort.