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Do they droop and end their lesson, wearied  
over there beyond the seas?  
We take up the task eternal, and the burden  
and the lesson,  
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"THE war, I fear, is the war of trade which is unmistakably upon us. When I look round me I cannot blind my eyes to the fact that so far as we can predict anything of the twentieth century on which we have now entered, it is that it will be one of acutest international conflict in point of trade. We were the first nation in the world—of the modern world—to discover that trade was an absolute necessity. For that we were nicknamed a nation of shop-keepers. But now every nation wishes to be a nation of shop-keepers too; and when we look at the character of some of these nations, and when we look at the intelligence of their preparations, we may well feel that it behoves us not to fear, but to gird up our loins in preparation for what is before us. There are two nations which are obviously our rivals and opponents in this commercial warfare that is to come. To America and to Germany we have to look in the future for an acute and increasing competition in regard to our trade, and I am bound to say that in looking at these two countries there is much to apprehend. The alertness of the Americans, their incalculable natural resources, their acuteness, their enterprise, their vast population, which will in all probability within the next twenty years reach 100,000,000, make them very formidable competitors with ourselves."

LORD ROSEBURY, *Jan. 16, 1901.*