

fighting for independence or staving off new hordes of invaders. We have not been able to contribute to world progress. Now when we are free, is it not paramount that we fill this deficiency at the earliest, and stand shoulder to shoulder with other advanced nations of the world?

### **III-Effects Of British Rule**

Upto this point, there is no room for difference of opinion. The difficulty arises when we fail to discern the reasons of the spectacular advance of the West, and its effect, real and apparent. This is further complicated by the fact that Britishers, a representative of the West, ruled this country for a century and during this period, adopted such measures whereby in the minds of our people, a contempt for things *Bharatiya* and respect for everything Western was subtly created. Along with the scientific advance, their way of life, manners and food habits, etc., came to this country. Not only material sciences but also their social, economic and political doctrines became our standards. The effect of all these are clearly discernible today in the 'educated' persons of our country. We shall have to decide whether this effect is good or bad for us. We had taken pride in resisting things British while they ruled us, but strangely enough, now that the Britishers have left, Westernisation has become synonymous with progress. It is true that a narrow sense of nationalism should not be allowed to obstruct the progress of the Nation. However, Western science and the Western way of life are two different things. Whereas Western science is universal and must be absorbed by us if we wish to go forward, the same is not true of the Western way of life and values. In fact, thoughtless imitation of the West must be scrupulously avoided. There are those who consider economic and political doctrines of the West as the epitome of progress and desire to transplant the same in our country. Therefore, when we are trying to decide where we wish to take our country and how, we must also take into consideration the basis of various economic and political doctrines of the West and their present position.

### **The Rise Of European Nations**

Among the various *isms* that affected the West, the principal ones were nationalism, democracy and socialism. At the same time, there have been some who cherish world unity and world peace, and have made some efforts in that direction.

Of these, nationalism is the oldest and strongest. After the fall of