## 128 SONGS OF AN ENGLISH ESAU

Waiting the blood-red setting of our star; But ere her proud lips deigned to whisper,

"Come,"

From all earth's quarters—north, south, east, and west,

The Eaglets gathered round the Eagle's nest.'

## Imperial Federation

'Ay! fly the dear old Flag—let trumpets sound!

Those who would crush the rose, have clasped

its thorn ;

They came to break; and but more surely

bound---

To slay, and saw a Greater Britain born, Whose boast is this—all ancient boasts above— Stronger than swords of steel are bonds of love.'