

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

ON

"A ZOLLVEREIN FOR THE EMPIRE."

THE recent speech of The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P., to the Canada Club, being the leading official pronouncement on one of the principal subjects specified in the Constitution of the British Empire League, the Executive Committee have thought it desirable to reprint for the use of the members an authentic report of this speech, with Mr. Chamberlain's sanction.

They do not thereby commit the League to any present opinion on the important proposition set out by Mr. Chamberlain for general consideration : but as the members of the League are specially interested, and may not improbably take part, in the discussion which it is desired to elicit, it has appeared opportune to supply the speech in a convenient form to the League.

SPEECH BY THE RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, who on rising to respond to the toast of "The Governor-General (the Earl of Aberdeen) and the Dominion of Canada," was received with prolonged cheers, said :—" Mr. President and Gentlemen,—I feel honoured in being associated in this toast with Dr. Montague, a member of the Ministry and of the Parliament of Canada, and I have much pleasure in meeting so many representatives of that great Dominion, which, whether we have regard to the area of its territory, to its population, to its natural resources, or to any other test by which we gauge the greatness of a people, stands to-day first among the group of kindred nations which together with