

in strength, that it will matter not to any one of them how quickly soever these armed and drilled nations also may grow.

Remember, also, that science has brought together the ends of the earth, and made it possible for a nation to have oceans roll between its provinces. Why then should we alone among the nations set ourselves against that desire for nationality which is one of the most powerful ideas of the age? What right have we to entail upon the men of our race the dangers and disadvantages of disunion? Why should we reject the gifts of science, and neglect those possibilities of union which steam and electricity afford? The time is come that all Governments, even military and despotic Governments, must, without much delay, do what their subjects wish. Can we not, by the example of our peaceful union, tempt these subjects to induce their Governments to disarm? May not we and our Colonists together, by the exercise of some mutual forbearance, by willingness to incur some mutual sacrifice, hope to transform our Colonial Empire into a federation of peaceful, industrious, law-abiding commonwealths, so that in due time our British brotherhood may prove to the world, as no nation has ever proved before, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"?