

and all they imply on the one hand. and despotism and all it implies on the other hand, these two nations should stand side by side. Severed, they might be crushed in detail; united, they would present a tower of strength that would stand "four square to all the winds that blow."

In all matters of commercial interest such an alliance would likewise make for the common good. The country that hereafter will control the commerce of the world will be the dominating power. The trade of the British Empire now almost staggers belief, being two-thirds that of the entire world. To safeguard its channels, to keep the "open door," and to preserve the "bread route" for her own people might, in the teeth of a formidable combination, prove a task beyond even her power; yet all fear of such a contingency would cease to exist if backed by the moral and material support of the ninety-three millions to the south of us. Let the aspirations of these two great nations be one, to make liberty the heritage of the nations, and the peace of the world their loftiest ideal. Let us listen to the voice borne across the sea:—

We severed have been too long;  
 Now let us have done with a wornout tale,  
 The tale of an ancient wrong.  
 And our friendship last long as love doth  
 Last, and be stronger than death is strong.  
 A message to bond and thrall to wake,  
 For wherever we come, we twain,  
 The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake  
 And his menace be void and vain,  
 For you are lords, of a strong young land  
 And we are lords of the main.

And further, in support of such an alliance, it is worthy of mention that English is fast becoming the dominant speech of the world. The tongue of Shakespeare, Milton and Burke is adding conquest to conquest and seems destined, in the not distant future, to be the language of diplomacy as well as of commerce. The French is losing its hold, its declension being most marked in recent years. The spread of the English language, during the past century, was phenomenal. It is admitted to be the best for all purposes of commerce, as well as of diplomacy. By the end of the century, it is predicted, it will be the language of over three hundred millions. Grant Allen predicts that the French, German and