

## THE COLONIAL VIEW

THE Imperial Idea, when first promulgated, found but few admirers or adherents, either at Home or in the Colonies, for the following reasons:—

In the old land very few had any adequate conception of the magnitude of our countries, or of the magnificent possibilities in store awaiting development. In the Colonies there existed a fear that because of this imperfect knowledge by British Statesmen of the glorious heritage in the Colonies for Britain's sons and daughters, and also because there seemed to be such persistent ignoring of our importance to the realm, that it would on our part be vain to indulge in a hope of proper recognition; however, a few ardent souls, giants in intellect, grasping the future, living twenty years in advance of their times, national optimists, endowed with the perceptive faculty, peering out into the distance saw through the mists and shadows that clouded public opinion, and with firm faith in the not far distant unfolding of the destiny of the British Nation, they, like the seers of old, beheld in prospect what some of them have