

3. *External Wars* have yet to affect the distant colonies of New Zealand and Australia. The Anglo-Russian war affords no illustration, for it was an isolated war, without power to extend to the high seas, where alone the old race of English politicians believed war was best conducted in "waste, plunder, and destruction." There should be no hesitation in believing that England will cultivate alliances with the Colonies, extend protection when needed, and render assistance worthy of her great renown and her past history.

4. *Absolute representation* will only be secured through high-minded men being selected for particular missions, leaving mercantile business to men of commerce. The higher walks of politics, diplomacy, internal rights and duties can only be advanced by the noblest men, those most impartial, the best regulated in temper, discretion and moral influence. In the Canadian Confederation, in the armaments for Victoria, in the retention of military force in New Zealand, special representatives have been selected who have won golden opinions among England's statesmen, and who, it is hoped, have deserved the gratitude of the colonies so represented.

5. *Alliance with England* can be best maintained by ceasing to regard the advice of those who advocate confederation of the colonies, which will have to be classed "among vague poetical dreams and empty aspirations." It is, indeed, a dream to those who fail to observe any similarity of wants or requirements between widely distant and different Colonies, but who do recognise that, with distinct positions, opposing races, and complex institutions, there can be but slight bonds of union, very slender prospects of tangible results or