

At the close of the South African war, when peace was being discussed, it was General Smuts who overcame the opposition of other Boer officers and made the conclusion of peace possible. His speech on that occasion was one of great distinction, in which he made clear that all other considerations should give way to that which was purely national.

Later, it was General Smuts who visited London and made possible the gift of responsible government for the Transvaal and Orange Free State in 1906, and in the negotiations which led up to the granting in 1910 to South Africa of an autonomous federated Dominion of the same status as Canada, General Smuts took a most prominent part. In 1908, in the Transvaal Assembly, in dealing with the question of union, he said - "When we are young and inexperienced we think that intellect solves world problems, but as we get older we see that while intellect does much it is really the spirit of union, of friendship, and of comradeship among men that forms the strongest impelling force. If we wish to solve our problems let us avail ourselves of this tremendous force of South African patriotism and South African comradeship - and the sooner the better, Mr. Speaker."

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