

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The following pages are not intended as a profound treatise on Imperial questions. I have avoided lengthy quotations and abstruse references, which might be looked for by the student of Imperial affairs. As the question of our relationship in the Empire will henceforth be a very vital one, I have endeavoured to explain as briefly and clearly as possible the principles that underlie the various proposals that have been made from time to time.

While I sincerely trust that students and professional thinkers will find some interest and profit from this little booklet, it is intended rather to enlighten the general public on the questions discussed, and give to the reader who has not the time nor inclination to study the question deeply, a conversational and practical knowledge of what Imperialism in its different phases means.

In advocating Imperial Alliance in preference to Federation or Independence, I have incorporated my own suggestions with views absorbed from a study of many writers on Imperial subjects, and the result of these conclusions, original and otherwise, is what I have designated under the general term, "Imperial Alliance."

I do not expect that all readers will agree with everything I say. If these views stimulate interest and create discussion, their purpose will not be in vain.

The reader is urged to study the charts after reading the booklet.

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