

communication available, and it would be in the power of the Cable Board, in control of this gigantic enterprise, to send messages in an easterly or westerly direction as circumstances may require. The people in the British Dominions around the globe would be doubly united by two opposite means of State-owned communications. They would thus be in possession of a "cheap, certain, constant, convenient and universally acceptable system of telegraphy." Thus united with the motherland they would find themselves always within the circle of the world's activity.

On this most important branch of the subject, reference is made to pages 425-427 of the little book edited by the late Dr. George Johnson, "The Annals and Aims of the Pacific Cable Project." In the words of the Canadian poet:—

"Unite the Empire—make it stand compact,  
Shoulder to shoulder let its members feel,  
The touch of British brotherhood; and act  
As one great Nation—strong and true as steel."

#### EXTRACTS FROM "ANNALS AND AIMS."

The problem presented is of the first importance, and the solution of it rests with the statesmen from the self-governing parts of the Empire, to be assembled at the Coronation Conference. It can undoubtedly be solved by following the same policy as that adopted in the establishment of the Pacific Cable, that is to say, by partnership arrangement in which all will unite for the common good.

Our common object is the freest intercourse, and this object can best be attained by linking together all the great outposts of the great Empire, precisely as Canada, New Zealand and