

route to the East by way of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Vancouver, is another obvious instance in which official co-operation is required. We know now that Canada and Australia are ready to take a part in the enterprise, if reasonable terms can be arrived at. The Imperial Government is also prepared to assist. The Conference gives an admirable opportunity for discussing the terms and agreeing as to the methods.

### **"Pioneers and Founders."**

The great religious bodies have already commenced the work of Federation, and have, without exception, extended their organisation throughout the Empire. It remains for another learned profession, that of the law, to follow the example set by their clerical brethren. Commercial law has practically been made by commercial men, and is therefore practically uniform throughout the Empire; but the criminal and civil laws of various parts of the Queen's dominions differ widely, not only in those points where local peculiarities demand exceptional arrangements, but in matters where the want of uniformity is simply an unnecessary cause of confusion and injustice. Here is work for the lawyers in council to undertake.

### **Diplomacy.**

Turn from the law to the civil and diplomatic services. It is absolutely essential that the great civil and diplomatic appointments of the Empire should be put, not nominally only, but practically, within reach of any Englishman in the Queen's dominions. India, the great possession of our people, should be administered by Englishmen, not from these islands only, but from all parts of the Empire. Here is more work for the reformer. If once the feeling of possession with regard to India is brought home to Canada and Australia, our countrymen there will bring the infinite resources of their strength and enterprise to bear in assisting us to retain and to administer the great peninsula. Already a halting attempt has been made to systematise emigration. What chance is there of making it effectual unless and until we have the ready co-operation of our great Colonies? How is such co-operation to be obtained without mutual counsel and debate?

We might continue our list almost indefinitely; but this is a problem which every one is capable of helping to solve. There is no end to the possibilities of development and improvement