

more difficult than that already solved by Germany. Acting on the salutary advice of the great German Chancellor, let us cultivate the impulse to unity in the soul of our people. Let us foster the spirit of national life, then this great scheme of Imperial Federation will gradually assume practical shape, and result in certain accomplishment. This spirit of unity is making, we trust, for solidarity in all parts of the British Empire. It was this spirit that welded the disjointed members of the Saxon Heptarchy into the Kingdom of England; that fused the group of Isles in the Northern Ocean into Great Britain; that, across the seas, in Greater Britain, created and solidified these two great Federations—The Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia; it was in this spirit Dr. Jameson spoke, when he expressed the hope that, at the next Imperial Conference, the Empire may have another Confederation composed of Cape Colony, the Orange Colony, Natal, the Transvaal, and Rhodesia; and it was in this spirit our Premier spoke, when at Guildhall, in referring to the prediction of the Prime Minister of the Cape, he said: "That is truly an Imperial Policy, and, so long as the British Empire is maintained on these bases, I venture to assert that it rests upon foundations firmer than rock, and as enduring as the ages."