

—common citizenship, common interest, common responsibility, common and united international action, common defence, and some community of government. The results of such a union would in the end be confirmed and enlarged trade, wider distribution of capital and labour through the Empire, removal of restrictions, and the enormous benefits of more extended fields for the energy and ambition of our citizens. If we should attain to this, we may thank Sir George Cornwall Lewis and his plagiarists that, by pointing out the anomalies in the relation of *dependencies*, they have induced us to revise the Imperial constitution, and to substitute for that term and those relations a name and bonds more just, more flexible, more strong and glorious, more beneficent and enduring.

I do not wish for a moment to be understood to acquiesce in the conclusions upon the policy of Imperial disintegration urged by Professor Goldwin Smith and others. It is the policy of a craven and degenerate people—the policy of mammon. They ask, What benefit do you derive from these expensive offshoots? and the reply being incapable of expression in money, they conclude that there is none. The unit of measurement of a nation's greatness is with them the pound sterling.

The respect of the American for the almighty dollar is proverbial. By that valuable standard he is able to express his estimate of everything, from a cool drink to the pleasures of Paradise. I once remember accompanying a Philadelphian over a small estate on which there grew, throwing its great branches over the gable of the house, a particularly fine fir-tree. He gazed awhile on its majestic proportions, and the felicity of its situation, and then in a rapture of admiration exclaimed: "That's a splendid tree. It's the ornament of the place. I wouldn't have that tree away from there for fifty dollars"—an accurately commercial estimate of the delight such an amenity was likely to afford. Is it to this standard that we are to bring our ancient Imperial glory, with its majestic and far-spreading branches? Are we to estimate nothing for the ennobling incentives for a whole population to enterprise, to commerce, to religious and philanthropic exertion, to practical and progressive statesmanship, to the highest arts of social life? That beating drum, marking all round the globe the passage of the sun and lines of Empire, which inspired the grand admiration of the American orator, awakens a sentiment far more worthy than that of pride in the breast of a Briton. It is the monitor of his world-wide responsibilities—the alarum of duty. It reminds him of