

from conviction based upon a consideration of present conditions, as from fear that if the problem is fairly and resolutely faced, conclusions may be reached, which may make necessary the re-casting of the views which they have long held.

After Mr. Lloyd George returned from the Allied Conference at Rome, he said—"There was one thing that struck me and that strikes me more and more each time I attend these conferences and visit the Continent—I mean the increasing extent to which the Allied peoples are looking to Great Britain. They are trusting her rugged strength and great resources more and more. She is to them like a great tower in the deep. She is becoming more and more the hope of the oppressed and the despair of the oppressor, and I feel confident that we shall not fail the people who have put their trust in us."

Here is the way in which an American, George Burton Adams, is impressed with our efforts towards Imperial Unity. Writing of Imperial Federation after the war in the "Yale Review," he states—"Yet from a distance we can see and because of our distance with good right we may judge, that these are high attempts, as lofty political conceptions as any which mankind has yet tried to make real with hope of success. We can see also that if success is reached in this endeavor, there will have been achieved the utmost which is possible to present conditions in the realization, security and extension of liberty for all the world. For these are the objects of this attempt. The future student of this age, will be sure that one of the most striking changes of the last hundred years, has been the awakening of the political conscience of the Anglo-Saxon race. It has come to see, with constantly increasing clearness, that Empire has no right to be as mere dominion, or power, or exploitation, but that its only defence is to be found in the bearing of responsibility and the fulfilling of duty; that Empire is a method of holding liberty and the institutions of self-government in trust, until the destined heirs of the inheritance reach their majority."

I go back to a much older document—I venture to think the quotation is not inappropriate: "Art thou He that should come or do we look for another?" was the pointed question sent by the man of the desert who chafed in prison. "Go and show John