

now yearly flowing out. That emigration has only two points to which it can be directed. One is the great United States. It is the place where at present the great bulk of the emigration goes; but it must be remembered that the ability of the United States to absorb that emigration is daily diminishing. That country is rapidly becoming filled with people, and therefore, leaving the United States to one side, there remain only the vast possessions of the British Crown as the point to which emigration can be directed. Just conceive the additional strength we should derive from that state of matters. These various populations—we see it in the United States—are blending with the existing people; they share our institutions, they admire them, they believe them to be better than those they lived under in the countries they had left; and, instead of being a danger, we shall find they will be a strength and support to us. We have the finest unoccupied portion of the world. If you look over the map of the globe, you will find that the possessions which own the sway of the Queen are at this moment really the only unoccupied portion of the globe suited for a European population. If you once part with those possessions they never can be restored. There is no future for the British Empire if you once allow it to be disintegrated and severed. The world does not permit of it. Once gone it is gone for ever. Now the question naturally arises, Is there anything in the British Empire at this moment that threatens its future existence? I think there are some causes, and I will venture to state them. I state them with submission to the very much better information that you may possess, but they are those which are suggested to us in the colonies by our own observation. We think that there is a great deal too much apathy, and I might even add the word ignorance, in regard to the colonies of the empire. Frequently in the press we see it spoken of as if the increase of prosperity in a country like Canada or in Australia would have for its natural result independence—that they would part from the mother country. Now the colonies do not like that. Colonists do not believe this is, or ought to be, the policy of this country. We believe that the policy of the Government ought to draw us