EDITORIAL

Imperial Unity in Diversity

Without in any way impugning the sincerity of the advoeates of a more closely federated empire it may reasonably be doubted whether any plan of that nature is practicable or if. practicable would be advisable. Logical and symmetrical constitutions framed on theory and without regard either to existing facts or to constantly changing conditions have never been palatable to British peoples and are indeed contrary to deep rooted British instinct. The constitution of the United Kingdom, if that word can be applied to a system which has grown and developed out of immediate needs and without respect to obvious inconsistencies, depends fundamentally on the temper of a nation or rather four nations, trained for many generations to the habit of self-government. It cannot be transplanted to other peoples who lack British traditions for in such an environment the experiment must inevitably fail. Nor is it possible to change the parliamentary to the federal system without destroying that absolute supremacy of parliament which is the essence of the British system. Devolution not federation is the only method consistent with that ultimate supremacy and the whole trend of sentiment among the Imperial Dominions is towards greater not less autonomy.

The idea of a federated empire has many superficial attractions and cannot be set aside as finally impossible. So definite a judgment would be unwise for circumstances might arise of a character that would render federation necessary for general protection. That possibility cannot be excluded but the emergency has not arrived and may never arrive. And certainly nothing could be more injurious to the sentiment of imperial unity than any effort to drive it into channels cut not in accordance with the temper of the British self-governing peoples but arbitrarily. In an article on Imperial Co-operation contributed to the current number of the "British Review," Lieut. Colonel Alsager Pollock again points out that "it must needs be recognized that altho the British Empire is all one it nevertheless consists of practically autonomous parts, each of which gives willing allegiance to one crown, but recognizes no parliamentary government but its own. The King's ministers in each dominion of the empire are servants only of the King himself, owing no obedience whatever to the representatives of party political ascendency in the Homeland."

There is not the slightest reason to suppose that any one of the Dominions favors or would support a limitation of its rights of self-government, of its control of its taxation or its public services. Lieut.-Colonel Pollock six years ago point ed out that British imperial unity is possible only in the form of an alliance, just as if the contracting parties were in all respects absolutely sovereign states, negotiating for their mutual advantage and wholly regardless of any kind of sentimental ties. "Sentiment," he proceeds, "in our case supplies merely the original motive for seeking British rather than other allies; and if that sentiment is to remain unimpaired, not an atom of it must be permitted to influence the terms on which any state of the empire agrees to co-operate with the remainder. Not only so, but the obligations sought to be imposed upon all and sundry must be as few and simple as possible; nothing should be suggested for general acceptance that is not clearly essential to the principle that the object in view is to assure to the utmost the peace, security and prosperity of all, severally as well as collectively." Co-partnership not federation is the goal of the empire as it has developed. Co-operation for common ends and freedom in individual state concerns presents that unity in diversity which can alone hold the British Empire together.

A Good Soldier

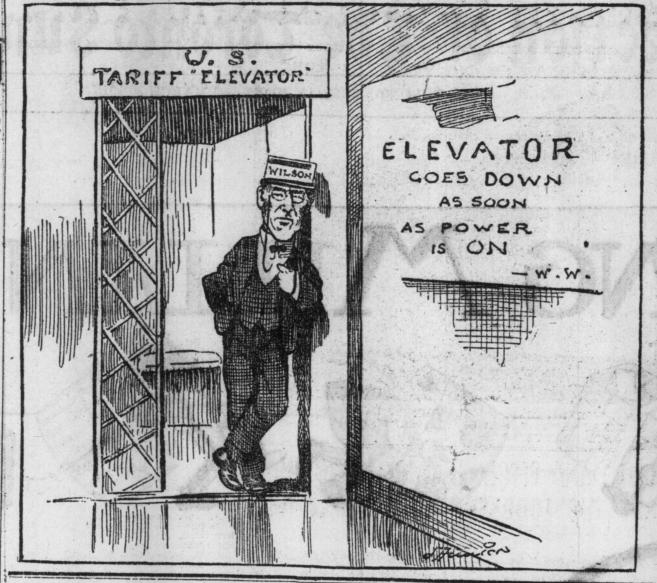
By the death of Lord Wolseley another of the fast diminishing band of veteran soldiers who fought in the Crimean War has been removed. But Garnet Joseph Wolseley had seen service even before the Russian War for immediately on receiving his commission as ensign at the age of nineteen he served in the Second Burmese Campaign and there received the first of his numerous and severe wounds. Two years later he fought in the Crimea, was again wounded and later acted as assistant engineer in the trenches before Sebastopool. After only three years of service he was promoted to a captaincy and when he left the Crimea he had been twice mentioned in despatches and was the recipient of the earliest of the numerous medals that caused it to be said of him-"His breast is covered with medals as his body is covered with wounds."

After a long period of consolidation the latter half of the nineteenth century witnessed a remarkable expansion of the British Empire and the beginning of a great internal development with which Wolseley's name will be inseparably associated. One of the first of these important changes followed upon the Indian Mutiny where he again displayed remarkable gallantry and professional ability. Three months after his storming of the palace of Moti Mahal at Lucknow Wolseley was gazetted major, at the age of twenty-five. He acted as staff officer to Sir Hope Grant during the later stages of the mut- in Toronto last year, but the campaign was beiny, was repeatedly mentioned in despatches and gained more decorations. Then came the China War in which he also

Wolseley's lucky star brought him to Canada, followed by his appointment to command the Riel Expedition, ending with the capture of Louis Riel at Winnipeg. His capacity for organization was markedly displayed in this expedition and its success made him a K.C.M.G. and C.B. In 1873 he gained more laurels in Ashanti and in later years he fought in Natal, in the Transvaal and in Egypt at the beginning of the British occupation of the land of the Nile. Two year's later he led the relief expedition to Khartoum but on arrival found it in the Mahdi's hands and Gordon dead. That was the last of his active service in the field but in 1895 he succeeded the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief, retiring six

Lord Wolesley will not be ranked among the greater British generals, but he was in every way typical of the British officer at his best. Of fine personal courage, of scrupulous integrity and thoroly conversant with his profession Wolseley was equal always to the responsibilities placed upon him. The the pupal five days, making the total time for British people are never slow to appreciate men of this stamp the development of a generation of young flies and the honors heaped upon him were well deserved. Garnet about ten days. Joseph Wolseley will go down in history as a good soldier who could be counted upon, under whatever circumstances, to do his duty.

MERELY A MATTER OF TIME



A Calamity-Smitten Land

During the past week the papers have been full of stories of disaster by flood and tornado in the United States. The frightful loss of life at Omaha and many other points in the Western States, followed by the floods which did incalculable property damage in Ohio and Indiana, with the loss of several hundred lives, calls attention to the comparative immunity of Canada from such catastrophies. While we have our "blows" and our serious fires we are, relatively speaking, free from the dangers that visit so many of the inhabitants ago and the more recent cyclone in Regina, but at 3000 calories. very few lives were lost and the property dam-

Our friends in the States are in the habit and the 49th parallel as "God's Country." However favored that land may be, it is unfortunately true that many millions of the people of the republic are living constantly on the danger line. The river towns, nestling as they do between mountain ranges and the water level live in constant dread of the breaking of the levees and dams during the spring break-

Our hearts will go out to the thousands of people who have been driven from their homes by last week's floods, and to the other sufferers from these dreadful visitations and we will continue to be thankful that we are in a land singularly favored.

Swat 'Em Early

It isn't a bit too early to begin swatting the fly. Every fly killed now is equivalent to killing millions of them in summer. A mature fly of April may be the ancestor of over six billion flies by the first of September. The killing of all the winter flies would do away with the great work required in the summer.

Cleveland, Ohio, expects to be a flyless city this summer. The campaign has been in progress three months. Winter flies were paid next month the price will be lowered to 10 cents a thousand. Some good work was done gun late. Let us all make a start now by destroying the dangerous little insect that has been proved to be the carrier of disease. But better than all, remove the breeding places of

The favorite breeding place of the musca domestica, or ordinary house fly, is the horse stable, altho failing that, garbage cans, slops or any collection of fermenting vegetable matter will suffice. It seems to take the eggs longer to mature in some localities than others. A scientist experimenting in Massachusetts, reared a generation in fourteen days. The duration of the egg state was twenty-four hours, the larval state from five to seven days, and the pupal state about the same period. An experiment made last midsummer, indicated that the female lays at one, time about 120 eggs which hatch in eight hours. The larval period with these eggs lasted less than five days and

The greatest preventive measure for the development of the housefly is the avoidance of accumulations of stable refuse.

Porridge and Health

alarming fact that the porridge pot has fallen monstrosity, doubtless he would from its high estate and the teapot has been speedily renounce reincarnation and its attending superstitions. (2) Conexalted in its place. Probably over 50 per cent. sidering the array of names brought of the children of that city go to school on a forward by this writer, and believbreakfast of tea and loaf bread, the former sin reincarmation (several of whom usually long brewed. I personally knew) W. Q. Judge, usually long brewed.

The broad results of the enquiry are deton, Dr. Buck, and so forth; Mabel pressing. They reveal deplorable ignorance in Collins, Mrs. Keightley, and others brute animals are born of corruption, dangers that visit so many of the inhabitants of the American river towns and the cities of the wind-swept prairies of the middle west. The nearest approach to such dire calamities were the cyclones that swept the Niagara district and the village of Winchester a few years of a workingman, and the minimum is placed over the Atlantic waters—they are regard to the choice and purchase of foods, bad cooking and a diet much below what is necestally but children compared to thom, they come to be born again. And the minimum is placed over the Atlantic waters—they are cooking and a diet much below what is necestally but children compared to thom, they come to be born again. And Thomas Carlyle, Tennyson, Alfred R. Wallace, Sir William Crooks, Sir Oliver Lodge, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Professor Hyslop, and hundreds of other great, glant-minded scholars, which misunderstood as it is, still shows a belief in the survival of man in one shape or another" (pp. of a workingman, and the minimum is placed

Of the families investigated whose weekly phantom. And so the scales balance. income was over 20s., 28.5 per cent. had a diet Some of those in the list of reinof which the energy value was less than the carnationists did not properly disof referring to the territory south of the lakes minimum of 3,000 calories. Of the families of pre-existence and reincarnation: whose income was under 20s. or irregular, 62.5 and all of them took the re-birth of Oriental mysticism before we can realize fully the infinitude of the subthe minimum, and not one of the families in are somewhat of an improvement upon by the majestic thought of its exponwhich the wage was regular and less than 20s. the reincarnation dreamings, and the ents" (pp. 297). "The cause of reintransmigration slush so prominent in carnation is ignorance of our senses, and the idea that there is any reality reached the minimum diet for health and work. the Orient. (3) This gentleman thinks In many cases the diet yielded results far below that myself, with Mrs. Gestefeld, existence. From the

> The report shows that where oatmeal was used in the evening as well as the morning "the its source. In this matter, the public this cleaving to existing bodies; from this cleaving reproduction; and from children were strong, healthy and well-grown," while another authority, who had been making gentleman's statement that Mme. similar investigations in Ayrshire, gives this Blavatsky and Col. Olcott taught

> "Whenever the child manifested signs of anaemia and bad feeding the food history was he considers proofs. Then I shall take universe, prompting it to activity), inquired into, and the usual story was that pleasure in noticing them. (5) This tea, potatoes, bread, and jelly formed the bulk clever writer in The Toronto Sunday great desire of all beings who would of the child's feeding, and that the foods required for the growing organisms were a admirable. Doubtless he really thinks rarity."

How Disease is Spread

some home pet. Just because a cat or deg or his past lives in the flesh? Knowledge some nome pet. Just because a cat of deg of some other pet is well looked after, has its coat brushed regularly, and so on, it does not folumental statement. The reincarnated world began with sociates and reactions. (6) "I know." This is a monumental statement. The reincarnated world began with sociates and reactions. (6) "I know." This is a monumental statement. The reincarnated world began with sociates and reactions. low that it is clean and free from disease.

The sleek, cared-for tabby, for instance, is that he traveled from "etherea" to self. So the charge that he taught bound to go wandering over other people's earth at the rate of four billion fences and into other people's backyards, however much you may try to confine it. During corresponding proofs of this astoundof the Hindu rabble made of it after these visits it comes in contact with dirty, in- ing statement? There is not so much his death. Whether Pythagoras borfected cats, which are spreaders of disease.

A cat's fur is a first-class breeding place ophy. Reincarnation and Karma were is for germs. Baby plays with the family pet-placarded upon it, to induce a more in fact, it is encouraged to do so, and when the rapid absorption into India. little one gets diphtheria or measles every cause for the infection is advanced—except the cat!

The reverse occurs, too. It often happens that when a child is ill with diphtheria it is al- reincarnation, as Dr. Peebles under- the phren was eliminated. Thus the lowed to play with the cat. The animal gets stands it (he couples it with "transinfected, mixes with other cats, and so spreads migration slush") is utterly different (called by the Buddhists the disease. Many an epidemic of diphtheria from the theory of reincarnation, could be traced to pussy.

It is a known fact, too, that cats carry tuberculosis and give it to human beings. As unbiassed attention to the subject. one of the favorite ways of fondling a cat is to Having made up his mind that reinpick it up and kiss it or rub it against the face, carnation was not a fact, he apit is not to be wondered that the dread disease pears to have concluded that it

Unfortunately, when a house is isolated independent testimony or corroborawith scarlet fever, say, no one ever thinks of the could be obtained in the west. what (the) man was morally. It is the astral body of the Kabalist and the isolating the cat. It is allowed to come and go I think I am quite justified in 'incarnated deeds' which form the new just as it likes, and, despite every ordinary pre-Gestefeld know nothing of reincarnacaution, the disease spreads. Children think tion or the doctrine of it taught God), can never perish, for it is transfer. nothing of picking up a stray cat and fondling by modern theosophists, when he de-mortal per se as a spirit; hence the it, and it is ten chances to one that the animal has been wandering in all sorts of germ-laden the implication anywhere he pleases, thought, desire, and

I am indebted to Dr. Peebles this "dreamings and Week for a reply to my remarks who utterly repudiate such ideas as he imputes to them under that head. I had anticipated his method of of January 19. Dr. Peebles is go- I Ing to Switzerland, as a representative spiritualist, which, I think, fairly establishes my inference that his views of reincarnation were derived from spiritualistic sources. He denies this, however, and asserts denies this, however, and asserts that he got them in India. Well, India is a hot-bed of spiritualism and all sorts of similar psychism, and one can find in India, as elsewhere, just what one is in search of. His exposition of reincarnation and that of Mrs. Gestefeld is, of course, not the teaching of rein- reaching catch in among informed students ever since the days of the mysteries. But, let us have the letter.

with the work of preparation and correspondence; and so, the brevity of this reply: (1) This reincarnation defender states: "I would be an idiot if I believed what Dr. Peebles if I believed what Dr. Peebles stood in its application to the indis-says people believe about reincar-tructibility of matter and the imnation." And, continuing, he suspects, that I "get this from spiritualstic sources." Nothing of the kind! got this reincarnation hypothesis direct from the mouths and the books A scientific investigation into the diet of Glasgow's laboring population reveals the alarming fact that the porridge not has fellon mentioned by the fellon mention of the fellon mention by the fellon mention of the fellon mention o from the Hindus themselves. This Jerome Anderson, Alexander Fuller-

scientists, and philosophers, who regard reincarnation as an Oriental "know nothing about the doctrine of reincarnation." Beneficently and ten-Hindu reincarnation before reaching India, I ask, insist, that he shall produce three or four paragraphs that hypnotic illusion. As corroborating incidents to the "I know"-knowledge having its limitations-will he furnish us with some historical testimonies, such as the country, the government, the leading statesmen, the doctrines and habits." (Vol. II. p. 145.) Every day someone catches a disease from time, and the dates connected with as a dream-thought of reincarnation rowed from Buddha, or Buddha from

> J. M. Peebles, M. D., 5719 Fayette street, Los Angeles, Cal. It must be fully apparent that which I have been speaking of in these columns, and which is held hist Winyanaskandaya, that principle generally by those who have given has (groups). It is the latter, the me was invented in India, and that no pounds into a new body, or rather insaying that Dr. Peebles and Mrs. sentient self, as his Ahankara (the ego-

that I shall produce three or four paragraphs to prove that Madam Blavatsky taught reincarnation before reaching India. I hope there is no catch in Dr. Peebles' phrase when Editor, Crusts and Crumbs: The writer, under the above heading, is philosopher enough to know that delay is not necessarily neglect. Appointed by the N. S. A. of Washington, D. C., a delegate to Switzerland, fo attend the International Congress of Spiritualists convening in Geneva, early in May, I am overwhelmed with the work of preparation and "The doctrine of Metempsychosis has been abundantly ridiculed by men

> been perceived that it is a sublime con ception. . . The harmony and mathematical equiformity of the double evolution—spiritual and physical
> —one elucidated only upon the socalled metrical speech of the Hindu
> Vedas. . . . If the Pythagorean lieving "that there is no punishment of sin, and that the souls created by

underwent another evolution more perfected spiritual and physical jects that were embraced at one sweep and the idea that there is any reality constitute the jury. (4) Noting this this cleaving, reproduction; and from wheel, there is a regular succession of death and birth, the moral cause of which is the cleaving to existing objects, while the instrumental cause is Karma (the power which controls the merit and demerit. 'It is, therefore, the World stoutly declares that he "knows cessive birth, to seek the destruction reincarnation to be true." This is of the moral cause, the cleaving to existing objects, or evil desire.' They in that he knows it—another play of are called Arhats" (p. 346).

are to take the gospels as a

standard of truth, Christ was a me-tempsychosist, or reincarnationistagain, like these same Essenes, whom latter two, shared with the brutes; mebody else, matters not; the esot eric doctrine is the same" (p. 283.) "It is the philosophy of Siddartha-Buddha again that Pythagoras expounded, when asserting that the ego (nous) was eternal with God, and that the soul only passed thru various stages (Hindu Rupa-locas), to arrive at the lyme excellence; meanwhile the thu nos returned to the earth, and even tempsychosis was only a succession work off the exterior mind, to rid the nous of the phren, or soul, the Budaafter the death of his body, incarnate themselves, so to say, and form their sufferings of the newly-born self till thought, desire, and passion" but he cannot in justice attribute 286-7).

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