

A United Empire.

NOT many years since, leading statesmen of both parties in England were earnestly enquiring how to federate the British Empire. And Imperial Federation, based largely upon kinship and sentiment, was inaugurated as "a first step." Colonial branches of the League followed with considerable success. Having served its purpose, the League died a natural death. But the sentiment lives, and grows stronger daily. The recent Jubilee demonstrations confirmed this fact beyond a doubt.

The Colonial tariff against the Mother Country and Foreigner alike has been misunderstood in England. There can be no doubt about the recent action of Canada's present government—whose photograph hangs on the walls beside the Queen of our great and world-wide Empire in the picture with the Children at Tea given herewith. Led by the wise and far-seeing statesman and silver-tongued orator, Sir Wilfred Laurier, Canada has set the Empire a noble example by admitting British merchandise into the Dominion at a much lower duty than from foreign nations who shut out British goods by hostile tariffs. "Miss Canada" has often been woo'd by her neighbours, but prefers independence under her Queen mother. For her loyalty