

outside to look with respect and admiration towards Britain's Dominions, not less than towards Britain herself. The appeal that has been strongest of all has been the one of aiding the Motherland. The Empire has not suffered in unity or solidarity through each part controlling its own. The parts have gained in pride through being related to the whole, but they have gained in strength and confidence and sense of responsibility through each being free to do its own part in its own way, and subject to no centralized control. With all my heart I hope British statesmen will see how significant this is. It is what distinguishes the British from the German method. The imperial model may lend for the time being an element of efficiency, but it lacks the elements of freedom which place it on an enduring basis, and it requires to maintain it a military force which makes the doctrine of Might congenial and inevitable, and with that doctrine all the evil that follows in its train.

But I must wait until I see you to discuss these and many other phases of the problem of re-construction, which, when the time comes, will, I trust, work itself out in a natural and mutually helpful way.

I hope that you are well yourself and that notwithstanding the great anxieties of the war, Lady Grey and all ~~your~~ family are also well. It was a very real pleasure seeing you all again, if but for a few hours, in the summertime. How little we dreamed then of this awful calamity was so close at hand.

Again asking to be forgiven for taking up so much of a letter with personal matters at a time like this, and with very kind regards,

Believe me, dear Lord Grey,

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