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The United Empire.

One thing of importance which the Queen's Jubilee celebration has emphasized and made prominent is the growing sense of political unity throughout the British Empire...

That kind of talk is not heard now-a-days. The "little England" idea is out of date, a grander political horizon has opened to the view of British statesmen and larger ideas as to the nation's political destiny prevail.

Whatever may be the difficulties—and difficulties of a serious character there doubtless are—in the way of Imperial Federation, hard-headed men are no longer disposed to treat it as a fad, or smile at it as a sentiment which, however fine to contemplate, must be regarded as having its place strictly among things theoretical.

"The distant mountains that appear Their solid bastions to the skies Are crossed by pathways that appear As we to higher levels rise."

The meeting of British and colonial Statesmen at the heart of the nation at this present time is full of interest and significance. Never before have our Imperial and colonial Statesmen seemed to have so much in common.

British Empire so grand and inspiring. Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will shortly, it is stated, meet the colonial Premiers now in London, in conference to discuss with them affairs of Imperial and Colonial interest.

Guided Though Hindered.

Sometimes good men may be hindered of God in their particular purposes and plans. This is one of the lessons which we may learn from the Sunday School lesson for the current week. God may even hinder a man from doing a good thing.

And so, no doubt, it happens sometimes now-a-days that a good man finds himself hindered in something which he has undertaken with a single heart and for the glory of God. He is not suffered to fulfil his purpose and he feels troubled because it seems as if the Lord had despised his offered service.

If Paul interpreted the message brought him in vision by "a man of Macedonia" as an intimation that the people of that country were consciously waiting and longing for the gospel, he must have been sadly disappointed when he reached Philippi.

of a people living and dying without Christ, and of millions of others who, after them or through them, should receive the Word of Life. So, at the present day, the cry that comes from India to us is not the cry of men and women who are consciously longing for the gospel; it is rather the mute appeal of a people so sunken in moral degradation, so overcome by the paralyzing influences of heathenism as to have no lively consciousness of their miserable condition and scarce any conception of what salvation means.

The prompt and practical answer which Paul and his companions gave to that cry from Macedonia meant much for Macedonia and Greece; it has meant much too for Europe and America and for us.

Editorial Notes.

The N. B. Western Association met on Friday last at the Range, Queens County. A section of the Second Cumberland Baptist church. The number of delegates present was smaller than usual.

From a table prepared by Mr. Thomas G. Shearman, a New York lawyer, it appears that there are in the United States 2,000 persons worth \$20,000,000 each; 400 persons worth \$10,000,000 each; 1,000 persons worth \$5,000,000 each; 2,000 persons worth \$2,500,000 each, and 6,000 persons worth \$1,000,000.

The estimate made of Victoria's personality, says the New York Tribune, "is that it has been throughout a potent and triumphant fact in most of the great doings of her reign; incomparably more potent than that of any of her predecessors. This, it may well be believed, is entirely true.

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