

which they had made for themselves in the wilderness. The struggle of the American yeomanry against the armies of George III. was repeated in a more striking form. To the truly American heart, as to the hearts of true Liberals in England, the sight appealed not in vain. But the hearts of the American plutocracy were against the Boer. So was the plutocratic press. A charity concert for the wounded, which was practically an anti-Boer demonstration, was attended; we were told, by all the best society of New York.

The British Empire will furnish America with no model for Imperial administration. British India is an Empire by itself, practically severed from Great Britain, though politically under the same crown. Its Viceroy is its real emperor. It has a civil service of its own, filled by competitive examination. Thus there is little danger on either side of political contagion or corruption. Political contagion was feared by Mill and others who opposed the transfer of India from the East India Company to the crown. But the severance has been maintained. The Queen is not allowed to assume the title of Empress in Great Britain, nor is her position or that of the Prime Minister towards the British people seriously affected by the connection. A President of the United States could hardly delegate his authority over dependencies to viceroys, nor could a separate civil service for American dependencies be easily formed. The American constitution, as it is at present, seems to repel external dominion. It might be amended for that purpose, but hardly without fundamental change.

Equally unavailable as a model are the self-governed colonies of Great Britain, wrongly included under the denomination of Empire, while they are practically independent States. The only real remnants of political dominion over them left to the mother country are the