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To the man who lies in hospital, in that dreary no-man's-land hurt and health, there is ample time. indeed, to think—to think of the brighter future of our Empire that we eagerly look for. I do not mean to say that in dreary retrospect painful memories are absent—they connot well be ; but it is a fact that the worth-while thoughts are directed future-ward; to the home ; the Empire united, strong and unassailable ; to Peace in its best sense.

Have not our first statesmen of every unit of Empire sounded the larger trumpet of "Empire First" to their unit, be it Dominion, Commonwealth, or Federaton ?

Surely this is but another way of "First the root. then the the branch"!' This is the larger way. the selfless way, harmonic way of a mighty force in action.

Yet there will probably ever be blind or misguided forces here and there throughout this vast Empire demanding the impossible, the selfish end without regard to consequences to the Empire as a whole. Men will die for what at times amounts to a fetish of liberty !

The selfish child invariably considers itself the most abused member of the whole family. which it will not infrequently wreck for the sake of its own sacred liberty!

But the larger good should ever come first—the Root before the branch, the Empire betore the unit. In truth we believe this great fact is better understood by those far-flung units of Empire— Canada , Australia, South Africa, than in the throbbing heart of the Empire itself. Above all we are Brithish; among all we are Canadian, Scotch, Australian, Irish, South African, Welsh,— what you will ! That is the idea of Empire that will give us the lasting Peace and Might of a great People. Each uni shall contribute its voice and vote to the maintenance and guidance of the whole. Each unit shall, with every other unit, actively engage in the suppression of disorder wherever it may arise, so that each act may be the will of the Mighty Empire and not of the unit.

Units of Empire—Fall In !