

## **MR. ASQUITH.**

### **The Future of Humanity.**

Mr. Asquith, in proposing "The Lord Chancellor," said: Mr. Pitt, in the last speech he made, I think within six weeks of his death, on the morrow of Trafalgar, a great British victory, and the eve of Austerlitz, the great triumph of Napoleon, used these words, "May England, as she has saved herself by her energy, save Europe by her example." It took ten years before the aspiration was fulfilled. To-day in the same spirit we should use rather different language. We should say not that England but that the Empire, including those great Dominions so well represented here to-night, has saved the cause of freedom, not as she did then, without an Alliance, but with the Alliance of France, Italy, and now America. And we should say, with even greater confidence than animated Pitt, that these great combinations of free peoples are going to save, not merely Europe, but the civilized world, from the horrors and perils which at present confront it. It is in that spirit, whatever may be the fluctuating fortunes of the hour, that we here, and throughout the Empire, have, from the first, encountered the hazards and the issues of this war. It is in that spirit we shall persevere to the end, and we have no more doubt than Mr. Pitt had when he spoke that by united effort, in the greatest and worthiest of causes, the future of humanity will be served. (Cheers.)

The Lord Chancellor responded.