

wards set forth in the famous Foreign Office White Paper. That publication is his best memorial, proving as it does on almost every page his resolute straightforwardness and his devotion to the cause of peace. Viscount Grey was fully entitled to reply as he did in November of last year to the request for some message to the American League to Enforce Peace: "I think public utterances must have already made it clear that I sincerely desire to see a league of nations formed and made effective to secure the future peace of the world, after this war is over. I regard this as the best if not the only prospect of preserving treaties and saving the world from aggressive wars in years to come."

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AFTER re-appearance on the imperial stage of Viscount
THE WAR Milner, who was always badly treated by the party which Mr. Asquith led. Lord Milner is a great apostle of imperial cohesion, and so far as the forthcoming Imperial Conference may deal with anything outside the scope of actual war-problems, he will find his opportunity there. Party politics must of course be kept away from all considerations leading up to a closer union of the constituent states of the Empire. But it is interesting to remember that this will be the first Imperial Conference in many years at which the political party led in Canada by Sir Robert Borden will have the chance of figuring. The war has taken us a long way from the formula in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier's followers used to rejoice: "Should any of the Dominions desire to assist in the defence of the Empire at a time of real danger," etc., etc. When the psychological moment arrived, all the Dominions threw themselves automatically and instantaneously into a conflict which obviously involved their own safety as well as the permanence of the British Empire. The *Fortuna populi Britannici* was in our favour, but we must not always trust to luck. So now the Prime Minister of Canada, according to the terms of the invitation, is to be a member of the War Cabinet, which will