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(Editorial from the Glasgow, Scotland, Evening Citizen, Nov. 13-30)

The Dominion Premiers witnessed the opening of the Indian Conference yesterday, and Mr. Jinnah, one of the Moslem leaders, turned dramatically towards them and said: "I am glad you are here to witness the birth of a self-governing Dominion, which will be ready to march along with you within the British Commonwealth."

We wonder what thoughts were passing through the minds of Mr. Bennett, the Canadian Prime Minister, and General Hertzog, the South African? We wonder, too, what Mr. Jinnah really thinks about the future relationship between India and the British Dominions.

The problem of India itself is difficult enough; but the problem of a free self-governing Indian Dominion within the British Commonwealth of Nations is more difficult still. The Dominions enjoy equal status the one with the other; the citizens of each Dominion are citizens of the Empire as a whole, and they are morally entitled to claim equality of status and equality of treatment. But the equality of pale faces and of the dark faces is not admitted in Canada or in South Africa, or in Australia.

Almost at the very moment of the opening of the Indian Conference, Sir Fazl-I-Husain, a member of the Executive Council of the Punjab, made an important statement regarding the position of Indians in Africa. He expressed astonishment and horror at the tenor of speeches recently made in London and South Africa and said that he was reluctant to believe that "the great Dominions would sanction what seems a serious departure from the principles of British justice and fair play." The blunt truth is that neither in South Africa nor in Canada nor Australia will the free immigration of Indians be permitted; nor do we believe that Indians will be granted equal rights with the white population in these Dominions. The "Colour Bar" exists and will be maintained. Indeed, even the British policy towards the natives in the African Colonies is causing offence. General Hertzog's Government find themselves embarrassed by the pro-native attitude of the British Colonial Office.

We have no doubt at all that the status and position of Indians constitutes one of the most difficult problems that the British Empire has to face. India, a self-governing Dominion of equal status with Canada, Australia and South Africa, and yet Canada, Australia and South Africa denying equality of status with the citizens of India—a grave difficulty.

Mrs. Edith Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Ann Budd of Clarence Street passed away last Wednesday, Nov. 26th. Mrs. Campbell has been a patient sufferer over a period of many years. The funeral will be held next Friday at the residence of her mother Mrs. Budd 110 Clarence Street at 2.30 o'clock p.m. Interment will be made at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. E. A. Richardson will conduct the services.

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