

The Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom,

THE COLONIES, AND INDIA AND THE ISLES

OF THE BRITISH SEAS.

THE Imperial Institute in London will now be the radiating centre of the genial warmth of colonial good-fellowship, the attractive influence which will bring together visitors from the lands over the British seas, which will probably continue to bear the name of colonies, for colonies we are, but no longer colonists.

It would almost seem to have been making visible to the nation the thought of the hour when the idea of Imperial Union, which was in everyone's mind, took this architectural and expressive form, and the gifts of the people to the Victorian Jubilee funds were used in cementing together their interests and friendship by the erection of this beautiful building.

Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron, and the President is H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is the Lord Chancellor, and we find among the Governors and the Executive our leading representative men. The representation on the Governing Board is so comprehensive that one might hesitate to make any further suggestion. The Boards of Trade, however, in our great colonial centres exercise such an undisputed influence on commercial matters, especially questions touching Commercial Union, that it might be politic to recognize in some way the position they hold, and enlist their services. The building is at South Kensington, London, in the Renaissance style, and extends over a site some 700 feet long by