

as the most striking features of our common history. In that period, he pointed out, the white population of our Colonies has more than doubled, the revenues of the Colonies have become more than fourfold, and the trade of the Colonies with the Mother Country has increased two and a half times. This marvellous progress, this growth in all that goes to make great nations, happily for us and for them, has been accompanied by a still more eager claim on the part of the Colonies to be considered as joint heirs with us and as partners in the glories and traditions of the British Empire.

The Prime Minister, the Marquis of Salisbury, in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor, said: "It is no doubt true that just at this moment we have many enemies, who are not very reticent in the expression of their opinion, but, on the other hand, this occasion, largely due

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to the action and co-operation of their Royal Highnesses, has shown that we possess in the support of our distant kinsmen an approval and a sanction which to us are worth infinitely more than all the contempt and all the censure which we may receive from other nations. We cannot admit that they are the judge of our conduct, or that we can modify our proceedings in deference to their opinions. What we look to is the opinion of those of our own kin who belong to our own Empire. We have received from all portions of that Empire an indication that we have lost nothing in the opinion which they hold either of our tenacity or the justice of our claims. We owe largely to their Royal Highnesses the summoning forth of that expression of opinion at a critical time, and you, my Lord Mayor, and the Corporation of London, have rendered no light service in bringing that strong opinion before the world."