may impose some inconvenient obligation." Could any language express more clearly the argument with which "imperialists" should meet the objections of "autonomists?" It is obviously a condition precedent to the establishment of a League of Nations that each of the members thereof should express its readiness to surrender, in the common interest, a portion of its sovereignty. Surely the same principle must apply also to membership in the British Empire, if it is to be held together by anything more than the mere bond of sentiment. Why should we be expected to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel? The mother country, it must be remembered, will have to make some sort of sacrifice as well as the Dominions, if the principles on which the League of Nations is being advocated are to govern also the smaller and less comprehensive union. Lord Grey's contribution to the subject is all the more interesting for the reason that he himself was the first to suggest a League that would have prevented the war. His words should never be forgotten by anyone who seeks to set forth the justice of the Allied cause. In his earnest pleading with Berlin, fruitless and ineffectual because of the fixed determination of the Prussian militarists to bring on a war, he said: "My own endeavour will be to promote some arrangement, to which Germany could be a party, by which she could be assured that no aggressive or hostile policy would be pursued against her or her allies by France, Russia, and ourselves, jointly or severally." If Sir Edward Grey had been listened to in 1914, we might perhaps be nearer a universal League of Nations than we are to-day. Meanwhile we have the League of the Allies, which will serve our present purpose.

MR. HUGHES AND "MERTONS" The Prime Minister of Australia has got into trouble again in England for stating what in his opinion should be done by the component states of the British Empire, including, of course, the United Kingdom, by way of preparation for peace. He has dealt in his speeches mainly with organization for trade, and has