

of power, wealth, and affection. We must take our stand on the unity of our race, on the unity of our interests, on language, religion, laws, manners, customs, and a citizenship that are one. "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." In the light of recent history we cannot despise or overlook the tendency of races to unity of Empire. The confederacies of nations are expanding instead of contracting, and every new addition to an old State reduces by one the chances of international confusion. What I have said elsewhere I maintain anew with solemn earnestness; he who contributes to the dissolution of a great confederacy of States is committing a crime against civilisation and humanity. Oh, no! it cannot be! Even should the mother dismiss them, her daughters will not let her cast them off. They will cling to her skirts! They will cry out to her, in the urgent words of Ruth, "*Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.*"