

or indeed under any British authority except the King." The change proposed has much to recommend it. It might even help towards a new definition of that much abused word "Imperialism." The idea that the "new nations within the Empire" are in the leading strings of the Colonial Office is galling to our young democracies. As the Irish look on Dublin Castle, so they regard it, — *arx aeternae dominationis!* Imperialism must be shown to be anything but the enemy of nationality and liberty. It is in reality only a form of leadership. There is nothing inconsistent between imperial headship and the democratic government of partner-states. As President of a permanent Imperial Conference, the Prime Minister of England would merely be "*primus inter pares*." He will now have at his side General Botha, as Prime Minister of the Transvaal, — an eloquent witness of a magnanimity unparalleled in political history. Not without good reason has the old motto "*Imperium et Libertas*" been carved on the pedestal of the South African Monument shortly to be inaugurated in Montreal!

There are some who say "Let well alone!" Such persons have not grasped the significance of the new tendencies at work in the world around us—the British world. Here we have a colossal political organization which needs only some approach to a better organic structure to make it a constant factor in the welfare, peace, and prosperity of a large portion of the globe. The like of it has never been seen before, — never in all history. In the words of a recent writer—W. F. Monypenny,—“For everything else in the relations between the parts of the Empire we may find perhaps a parallel elsewhere: the existence of a number of national centres and national governments within our political system is an entirely new phenomenon. . . . Yet these younger nations have developed or are developing each a true nationality of its own. They are virtually independent in their Governments. The supremacy of the Imperial Parliament has lost all practical importance in the present, and does not even appear to contain the germ of any useful development in the future. Their