

PREFACE.

Imperialism is the natural outcome of the ages. It means more than the alliance of the national and commercial interests of Britain and the Britain beyond the seas. It is the welding in one body of the thought, the speech, the hopes desires and ambitions of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen. It is the assurance of peace and the necessary adjunct to national prosperity. In it the world has the answer to the charges of insularity freely hurled at the Motherland, and of isolation at the nation. Britain can never be insular in habit and history so long as a quarter of the world's vast population rejoices to call her by the sacred name of mother. Isolation is a misnomer when the homeland, hoary with