

THE UNION OF TWO GREAT PEOPLES.

should include pilgrimages both ways of them, as well as of large bodies of educational workers.

You will say that all these things cost money. They are less costly than ignorance. If our two peoples are to come together, as we hope, travel must become much cheaper than it has ever been. And, most important of all, I would suggest frequent visits by our public men, especially those who hold high office. I need cite only the recent historic visit of Mr. Balfour to the United States and his historic reception there. (Cheers.) I doubt if a visit by any member of the Government of any people since Governments began has had so great an effect as that.

TOWN "ADOPTIONS."

Now, none of these suggestions may prove practicable to you, and whether any suggestion be practical for any particular person or community can be tested only by trial. But some plan is practical here in Plymouth, and about this your judgment is better than mine. My plea is that the people of every British community and the people of every American community shall find a way to inform themselves about the other country, and all such information brings with it a closer sympathy. The sympathetic understanding between any two free countries depends on the number of citizens in each country who themselves have a sympathetic understanding with one another. One plan is that one town in each country should "adopt" a town of the same name in the other country. If you did that you would start with about fifty Plymouths. (Laughter.) And then Great Britain and the United States, who understand one another far better than any other two great countries in the world, would come much closer together if in every community in each country there were a group of men who made the furthering of such an understanding their particular business. There is no other task so