

British." He has had many consultations with Ministers, with leaders of thought and with representatives of important bodies of opinion. He has been included amongst British representatives at an International Conference. But these things are no great advance on a road that must be passed quickly, the road to an organized Empire, in which the British Nations Overseas as the British Nations in the United Kingdom shall have each an appointed place. Mr. Hughes has asked for organization. The public has shouted its plaudits, but, its hands palsied by so much inaction, has "**left alone.**"

"The correspondent then goes on to point out that Sir George Foster, an experienced organizer of the Empire, and a Member of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, had a few days before declared Canada's adhesion to a policy practically identical with that of Mr. Hughes, and says:

"But even these evidences have been of really less importance than decisions private but undeniable, that the Dominions will refuse to continue a system which leaves their destinies to be decided solely and wholly by certain British institutions as they exist to-day."

Mr. Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England, in an interview relating to the War Council now sitting in England, from which I have already quoted, frankly avows the new precedent that is being established, and urges unity of action on the part of the self-governing nations within the Empire. To quote his words:

"We are fighting together through the war, and we want to stand together through the peace. In these days we cannot hesitate because we are breaking precedents. The Empire has thrown itself heart and soul into this war, and we should be failing in our duty if we did not take every step possible to see that its leaders get together from time to time. You don't suppose that we think that the overseas nations can raise and place in the field armies containing an enormous proportion of their best manhood, and not want to have a say, and a real say, in determining the use to which they are to be put. That seems to us an impossible and undemocratic proposition.

"The war is not won yet, and we want to concert our efforts so that we may exert our maximum strength at the critical moment. Further, we are most anxious that during the last and most trying phase of the war, the British Empire may present to the world an absolutely united front."