

## LECTURE No. 1.

Friday, January 12th, 1906.

### THE MAKING OF THE EMPIRE.

*(The lessons of its History.)*

Purpose and Scope of the Present Course. The British Empire: Its extent, its peoples, its potentialities. Importance of the Present Age in the history of the Empire. The Parting of the Ways. The first Colonial possessions of the European Powers. The Wonderland of the New World. Gold and Treasure. Failures of Spanish Colonisation. The Expansion of England. Colonising tendency of the race. The Colonies of the Atlantic Sea Board. Mistaken attitude of the Mother Country. French Colonisation and the St. Lawrence. Magnificence of the French conception of Colonial Empire. Our debt to the French Founders of Canada. Quarrel between England and the American Colonies. Comparison between the financial and fiscal situations of 1774 and of to-day. Lessons of the great controversy. False conclusions drawn from the independence of the United States. Foundation of the Indian Empire. Colonial Conquests of the Great War (1793-1815). The settlement of Australia. Colonial Policy of the earlier Nineteenth Century. Grants of Self Government. Effects of the Free Trade doctrine on Colonial Policy. Theory of manifest destiny. The later expansion and the new imperial conception. Egypt. The partition of Africa. Defence of the policy of expansion. The true conception of Empire.