

logic of it all. But if you think that that is not the solution, let us try and find some other solution. (Hear, hear.) And now, Lord Eger-ton, I am sorry I have kept you so long. ("No, no," and "Go on.") I repeat my appreciation of your kindness in asking me to meet the League, and the kindness and courtesy with which I have been received here to-day. You may depend upon it, Canada will not desert you, just as surely as we are convinced you will not desert Canada. (Applause.) We have but one purpose, one common purpose, and that is to make the most of our opportunities, to let the world see that there is enough vitality in this old land to live through these little troubles in the Transvaal, to look on—sometimes with indifference—at the growling of those discontented with your way of doing things, and still more, to bring directly under your own guardianship those Colonies which you have planted at a great cost, so that together we may stand, if need be, a rampart against the world. (Loud applause.)