

government of India placed on a similar basis. What would be the results? 1st, we apprehend, the admitted evils of our colonial government, with its causes, would be stated, discussed, and remedied. 2nd, The means would be in constant operation of maintaining satisfaction, confidence, and internal quiet in the government, through the constant adoption in detail, of needful improvements and reforms. 3rd, Taking Great Britain, the colonies and India together,—140 millions of souls at least,—one-sixth of the earth's population, would be held in perpetual peace amongst themselves, with an efficient apparatus of arbitration provided against every contingency,—the nearest approach which yet seems practicable to a general abolition of war. 4th, A confederation so varied and extensive in its interest and presenting so many points at which it might be made to suffer, would be under the strongest inducements to keep the peace towards others, while the overwhelming force at its command would render it extremely unlikely that others should wantonly attack it. 5th, Indefinite extension might be given to the empire of Britain, without dangerous weakness at the circumference, or overpowering burdens at the centre. 6th, The most advanced and most successful principles of government the world has yet seen might be carried into practice by many communities of our own race, placed so as to influence beneficially by their example the largest populations of the world not included in the confederation. 7th, Through communities less advanced than our own, the direct action of the same principles might be gradually extended far beyond our own power of colonization. 8th, Free and unimpeded intercourse would be established and secured from legal infringement between countries of every climate and every variety of product, under one general system of law, and by right of one pervading citizenship. 9th, A feeling of fraternity, no less than a consciousness of community of material interests seems to be the sentiment to animate spontaneously a con-