

by shipowners of certain special obligations, but this, for reasons given, would not be large.

(8) The reforms here advocated rest on grounds of Imperial policy and are in every particular the logical, natural, and practical development of Rowland Hill's principles. In these respects and in others the views of the Imperial Federation League and the scheme here advanced differ from the proposals of Mr. Henniker Heaton.

(9) The objection that the Colonies are not likely to reciprocate is susceptible of two answers. If they see their way to doing so without further loss they will certainly reciprocate at once. Even if they do not, "half a loaf is better than no bread," and the Mother Country should lead the way in establishing the cheap and uniform rate outwards, leaving the Colonies to follow suit when they see their way to doing so.

Finally, what is aimed at is the attainment of a great object, most beneficial in every respect commercial, political, and social, to the United Kingdom itself and to the Empire as a whole, even though the super-surplus of the Post Office be diminished to pay for it. But if the Post Office will abandon some bad bargains and some worn-out traditions there need be no loss at all. The Postmaster-General should be pressed from all sides to keep Imperial requirements in view in the negotiations to be entered upon at the Conference that meets in Vienna next month.