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This series of inspiring messages from the distinguished Premiers of the Empire, gathered together under the auspices of the Empire Parliamentary Association on June 21st, 1918, will be read with deep interest.

In all the different quarters of the globe wherever men of our race have established themselves and founded a home, they have fully realized the nature of the present crisis and the danger which it involves to themselves and their corporate communities under the British Flag.

They are perfectly aware what a German victory signifies. It means an intolerant militarism. It means dominion and slavery, and above all it means the hopeless defeat of justice, mercy, liberty, and truth.

At such a time our thoughts naturally turn to the nature of our Empire; there must be something, one feels, some deep underlying sentiment, which attracts the affectionate loyalty, the immediate self-devotion of its members.

The annals of the world are full of attempts to form unions and confederacies, which after a brief success have vanished. When we contrast the British Empire with organizations of the past we are conscious at once how liberal and enlightened was the policy of our statesmen. Instead of dominion they have aimed at a vast confederation of sovereign states, granted (to the full) responsible government, and based on the inspiring influence of similar ideals.

The speeches contained in this number are a splendid illustration of those noble principles which have cemented a lasting fabric of loyalty and faith. It is our paramount duty, whatever we may suffer in the present, to hand down intact the inestimable heritage that has been confided to our care.

"Realms yet unborn, in accents now unknown,
Thy song shall learn and bless it for their own."