OPEN FUTURE

"The future now lies open before India," Mr. Alexander continued. "For our part, we pledge ourselves to do all that lies in our power to facilitate the establishment of a independent India." The Prime Minister expressed the hope that the two countries would continue to work closely together in the future.

From Our Special Correspondent

The birth of the two new Dominions was celebrated yesterday in London by large gatherings of Indians. One scene of rejoicing was India House, Aldwych, headquarters of the High Commissioner for India; the Indian High Commissioner, M. Krishna Menon, lent the building to the Union Jack flag, which flew from the Union Jack flag, which flew from the Union Jack flag again over India House. Mr. Nehru and Mr. Gandhi were present.

NEW FLAGS UNFURLED

At 12.15 p.m. Traffic in Aldwych was stopped, and preparations were made inside India House for the reception of the guests. Inside India House the principal guests were received in the dossal room by the acting High Commissioner, Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Mr. V. Krishna Menon, and the Union Jack flag was raised.

Behind the platform was a full-length painting of Mr. Gandhi. The crowd scene was heightened by the wailing of the women and the singing of the hymns. Loud-speakers relayed the speeches to the people in Aldwych.

A PEACE-MAKER

Mr. Vellodi began his speech by welcoming the Indian High Commissioner for Pakistan as an old friend, to whom he offered his hearty felicitations. As in the time of Asoka, he said, India proposed to function, as far as she could, as a peacemaker and peace-bringer.

It was a matter for deep thankfulness that the new Dominion had been agreed to by consent and in comparative peace. In a speech punctuated by repeated applause, he paid homage to the leaders in the struggle for Indian independence, beginning with "one whose name is imperishable, Mahatma Gandhi, the great Indian of all time, and one of the world's greatest men, who led us with unaltering steps into the domain of independence."

Mr. Vellodi then read the King's message, which was also being given to the Indian Constituent Assembly, and a message from Mr. Nehru.

MR. ALEXANDER read a message from Lord Addison, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, which read in part: "The Commonwealth is proud of the fact that the Indian Prime Minister attended the Canberra conference."

Mr. Alexander said, was the symbol of so much ardent patriotism and meant the fulfillment of British rule and the attainment of India's full political stature. It also meant the coming into existence of a new member of the British Commonwealth.