

And how stupid it is! A new order is obviously coming; Europe & America ring with the cry of it. We are not going back to the old much & symbols for anything. But the transition will call for most careful steering. If the thing is not to be done by means of trained intelligence & disinterested integrity, it will be done by the mob. Yet we are told in so many words - & with threats - that that is precisely what we shall not be allowed to do!

Forgive me for writing so strongly, but I feel strongly. I seldom boil over nowadays, but I cannot help doing so now, & the safest outlet is to write to you. I feel smirched all over by the bathos & impudence of the thing.

Stanley's account of his N.B. address puts rather a different colour on it. The extracts without the context have distorted things a little, I fear.

I was fortunate in meeting Sir Francis & Lady Kyrle. They came to dinner with me, & I heard much from them about old friends.

I am being asked out to more talking than I like here, but some of it has to be done, & the folk are very kind. And I have rather big classes in the Summer School. But it is all pleasant enough provided one can feel like a free man with no bully around to threaten one to the lowest man trying to discharge a duty faithfully.

Yours very truly
F. Clarke.