

in which I know hon. members on his own side will very cordially join, that, despite the many vicissitudes of a long and strenuous public career, he has been spared to attain this distinction, and to enjoy it in the capacity in which he meets Parliament to-day.

With all that my right hon. friend has so eloquently and appropriately said, we of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition are in full accord. Did time permit and were it fitting so to do, one might dwell at great length upon the thoughts which this occasion inspires and which the dignified and noble proportions of this imposing edifice cause to be uppermost in one's mind. Great as the temptation is to speak of much that is suggested here, with the permission of the House I shall content myself with but an added reflection or two, upon the notes that are sounded as one contemplates the impressive loveliness and vast architectural beauty of these Halls of Parliament in their finished state.

It is not always easy to interpret the mind of genius; but genius lies in the ability to interpret to others the mystery of the greatness that lies everywhere about them. This, in a word, through the medium of these buildings, is what the Chief Architect, Mr. John Pearson, and Mr. J. O. Marchand, his associate, and others with them have succeeded in doing, with such admirable skill

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