

America and as the English laid out golf links in Nigeria. Well, later on he wanted to know the habits, the daily life, the domestic entourage of the average Greek who would be left behind to settle in Asia Minor after Alexander's death. He wanted to know what house he *always* built, what labour arrangement he *always* made, what his average relations were with the people that Alexander had just conquered, he wanted to know the precise stamp that a time-expired soldier of Alexander left on his surroundings wherever he was planted, just as historians knew to some extent the kind of stamp that a Roman legionary left on *his* surroundings. And, when he had done that, when he had exhausted every source of information on the influence of Greek civilisation upon the world of those days, he wanted to find out how and why it was influenced in turn: how far the Greek in Syria or Egypt forgot his common parentage and assimilated himself to the Syrian or the Egyptian, why the descendant of Pericles became the degenerate three-card-trick sharp that you found him under the early Emperors, or as the chroniclers of the time affected to find him. He wanted to describe the decline and fall of Greek civilisation. . . . Deryk stopped suddenly, as a horn sounded far away down the drive. He had been dreaming, as he used to dream at Oxford, of a people and a country that he loved as a man might love a woman, a people that he wanted to bring back to life, giving the whole of himself to the work. . . . And now other people with golf clubs and suit cases were coming to slap him on the back. . . . And he was not even going to be ready in time to receive them!

He hurried to his room by a side staircase, pulling off coat and waistcoat by the way. The one good thing about this desolating party came quite inadvertently; it had been improvised so suddenly that old and new invitations were clashing, applicants for charity would be rubbing shoulders with the painstakingly selected young women who were always being paraded for his delectation and choice, and among the applicants for charity was Dr. Manisty, the well-