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Lord Willingdon's passing is a loss to the entire British Commonwealth and to international amity and good-will. To myself it is a personal grief. We shared a very close and warm friendship throughout his tenure of office as Governor General, a friendship which was sustained by correspondence during his years as Viceroy of India, and renewed in subsequent visits to England. I shall greatly miss his letters, his wise counsel, and his ever-loyal support.

Lord Willingdon was an outstanding example of the highest type of enlightened and public-spirited Englishmen. As a Member of Parliament, as Governor of Madras, as Governor General of Canada, as Viceroy of India, he served his country at home and abroad with fidelity and honour.

Even after he had retired from office, he did not seek rest from his labours. He only sought to know wherever and how he could best serve his country. Wherever he could serve, there he was willing to go. As head of an important mission to China, and only recently as leader of the British delegation to South America, he found further opportunities for conspicuous usefulness in the days when most men of his age would have enjoyed their well-earned leisure.