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edly and in sufficiency, and I trust in usefulness, until now, with good old age upon me, amid old scenes, old books, old friends, and looking not without hope more to the future than to the past and waiting like Simeon of old, for "the consolation of Israel," which means in its political sense the federation of the British Empire, the mightiest instrument for good, after God's word and ordinance that has ever been given to mankind.

Niagara, January 12th, 1903.

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