

"the glory of the imperfect". What we witnessed in the destruction of these buildings was a symbol of the desecration and the desolation of recent years. What we are witnessing to-day is the spirit of the people rising out of the ashes and ruins of the world, and building anew a civilization of a higher and saner order than any the world has hitherto known. Who would separate himself from this work of reconstruction, standing aside lest his garments may be stained? Why, Sir, we have here a foretaste of the industrial commonwealth that is to be, where, in the affairs of State, the workers in industry are the builders in common with the framers of a nation's laws.

And this note brings out another; it is the greatness that is yet to be. It was on the 56th anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the old Parliament Buildings by King Edward VII, at that time the young Prince of Wales, that his brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, officiated at the relaying of the same stone as the new foundation of these buildings as restored. Speaking of that earlier occasion, His Royal Highness remarked that, looking at that stone, and all that it represented of the changes that had taken place when it was first laid, we recognized how little those who has assisted at the ceremony of those days could foresee the great progress and advancement that