

B3 of those I am addressing here who does not feel that although the Washington Conference was called in a country which unhappily is not yet, at all events, a member of the League, and although the League was not consulted either as to its constitution or as to its programme, nevertheless the spirit which animated that Conference is the spirit which animates us all, and the results of that conference are of a kind in which all of us may rejoice and with which all of us may sympathise.

Before I come to the main topic I have to speak on, there is one other speech, admirable in its eloquence and its tone, which was delivered yesterday by the Swiss representative, M. Motta. He was the speaker who, perhaps more than any other in the course of these debates, turned his attention, not to the past, but to the present and the immediate future, and the more important parts of that eloquent discourse were devoted to expressing on behalf of his country the sentiments with which they regarded what is perhaps the heaviest task entrusted to the League of Nations at this moment, the task of attempting to deal, as far as they can, with the unhappy situation in which Austria now finds itself. I am sure the League must congratulate themselves on finding that in one of Austria's nearest and most enlightened neighbours, a spirit of anxiety to help in this great task has been so admirably expressed by the Swiss representative (Applause).

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