

The constant demonstration of this fact represents to me the greatest achievement-if indeed it can be termed such-of the Commonwealth. For that attainment, tolerance was essential, and in this context we must think of tolerance in a positive sense as a willingness and a desire to listen to the other person rather than as a passive swallowing of something essentially distasteful.

Much of the credit for this achievement in the Commonwealth, this acquisition of common attitudes by students and potential leaders from dissimilar and diverse origins, belongs, historically to the older universities.

University Exchange

Until a few years ago, this intellectual traffic was almost entirely in one direction. Recently, however, there has been a noticeable diversification of this pattern and the university-to-university relationship is becoming more truly one of exchange. Just as new centres of political authority have appeared, so too is the intellectual life of the Commonwealth becoming multifocal. Former colonies which are now full member nations of the Commonwealth have developed their own institutions of higher learning and these newer institutions have acquired characteristics of their own. All of us are I think justifiably proud of these advances and we believe in all modesty that each and all of us may have something unique to offer to others. From these multilateral exchanges, I am confident that there will emerge a greater degree of understanding and mutual appreciation of other points of view on the part of those who come from other lands and return home again to play a constructive part in their own nations.

From my own recent experience, I can illustrate in concrete rather than theoretical terms the invaluable contribution which has been and must continue to be made in the field of educational exchange. This Spring, I attended in Trinidad the inauguration ceremonies and celebrations of the new Federation of The West Indies - a new Commonwealth nation in the making. Everywhere there was to be noticed a strong sense of loyalty to the Commonwealth nexus, and a determination to preserve it. I think that this attitude is not unrelated to the close ties which have prevailed between the first Dominion in the western hemisphere, and our emerging sister-nation of the Commonwealth in the Carribean. As a Maritimer, I had been well aware of the important trade connections between the British West Indies and Canada and there can be no doubt that this mutually beneficial economic interchange has had much to do with our closeness. But to the economic historians, I say most emphatically that there is more to it than the exchange of goods. Not once but many times over was it impressed on me that the viability of parliamentary institutions in the broadest sense of the term was attributable