

frightening. At the same time there are instances where these can be got over. And there are instances when even hostility has been succeeded by understanding and friendship. And perhaps one of the most notable instances is when India and Pakistan became independent countries after a long period of some kind of colonial or semi-colonial domination by the United Kingdom. It is a remarkable instance in history when after long generations of conflict, this question should be resolved in a friendly way, leaving practically no trace of ill will or bitterness behind. Apart from that being good in itself, it has always struck me as a sign and a reminder that one can solve the most difficult of problems in a friendly way if one approaches them in the right way. I have found this spirit of approach to these problems in a friendly and right way peculiarly in evidence in the statesmen who have represented Canada in the United Nations or elsewhere or even, if I may say so, in Delhi. And so it has been a very great pleasure for us during these years to cooperate with Canada in various fields of human activity and to grow progressively more and more to appreciate this friendly outlook of Canada, this friendly and tolerant outlook of Canada which holding fast to her own beliefs and conventions, can understand other's viewpoints too and where possible adapt itself to other's viewpoints. That is essentially a spirit of understanding and tolerance which takes us very far and which would take us very far in the solution of the world's problems if we applied it more and more.

To you, Sir, I can say little except that I have considered it my high privilege to have known you and to have your friendship. We have met each other in the course of the last few years on various occasions, not very much at leisure but always rather hustled by events and by our work. But even these brief occasions that I have had of meeting you, you have left on me a deep impress - I believe not only on me but on others from my country who have had the privilege of coming in contact with you and I believe that that opinion is shared by a very considerable number of my countrymen, in any event as a representative of a great country. There is something more than that about it. We have honoured you as a representative of a country with which as I said we have developed these closer bonds of understanding and we have honoured you as a man of high integrity, of high purpose and high endeavour. After all, it is more important what a man is than what a man says. All of us who are engaged in this game of politics say far too much, much too much, and sometimes maybe we contradict ourselves. But the important fact remains as to what we are, whether as an individual, a group or as a country and not what we go on repeating and saying. And sometimes perhaps the mere act of being conveys more than other forms of action.

So we have been very happy to welcome you here. For the last three years I have looked forward to your coming here and when I finally heard that you were coming that made me glad and it made many others happy also. I hope, in fact I am sure, that your visit here will leave in the minds of innumerable people in India the pleasantest memories not only about you, Sir, - that was inevitable - but also of Canada whom you represent so nobly.