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on which was decided the destiny of so great a country as Canada should be sacred to the memory of those who fell in the memorable struggle and should be placed under the joint guardianship of the two races contending there for victory, and from which the Canadian colony is sprung. You will hear during the next few months, as the great celebration of Canada approaches, much that will remind you of the great deeds and great names to which I have briefly referred. You will understand better the meaning of the celebration and the motives of those who have advocated the setting apart of the battleground if you will study well the history of our country, and will come in time to appreciate the full effect of its bearing on the Empire and even on the world at large.

Here in Ottawa under the range of the magnificent legislative houses of the Dominion, with the great names of our statesmen past and present ever before you, their features and figures familiar to you in many cases from day to day on the city streets, and with abundant evidence in our own city of the effective union of the two races whose struggles constitute so large an element in our history, it would be strange indeed if more than in most places there was not a disposition growing from year to year to preserve and cherish every that may be gathered from the pages of our history.

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