

Indians," who have always been the fearless critics of the Indian administration, and have come to be regarded as occupying the same position in relation to it as does the Opposition in Parliament. In fact, they represented all shades of political opinion, Pro-British, Moderate, Extremist, and even Anti-British.

From the lips of all there assembled, there sprung one accordant expression, viz. :—that India's princes and peoples would, on learning of the titanic struggle in which the Kaiser of Germany had sought to engage their Sovereign, place all their resources, their armies, and even their own lives, in support of British arms. So confirmed were they in this conviction, that without waiting even for the few hours in which the telegraph would bring them the news of the actual feeling aroused in India, they, one and all, resolved to incur the heavy responsibility of becoming the spokesmen in public of the thoughts and sentiments of upwards of three hundred millions of the countrymen, and entrusted me with the drafting of an address to His Majesty giving expression to that conviction. By mid-