

Canada has welcomed many of your students. Indeed, in the universities of Asia, many of the well-springs of philosophy and science which we accept as part of our heritage, had their inspiration. It is in these universities, and in all universities which are dedicated, as this university is, to the abiding principles to which the Vice-Chancellor made a reference in speaking of the community of interest between Canada and India -- it is in these universities that the minds of future leaders are given wisdom. That is the highest contribution that any university can make. For when a man's mind, enriched by the knowledge of differing philosophies and thought, has learned to separate truth from falsehood and fact from fancy, then only and only then is the road to wisdom open to him.

It must not be forgotten in this scientific age that the enrichment of human life comes from an appreciation of philosophy, of literature and of art, and provides a brotherhood of the spirit which is of the essence in the maintenance of peace and the enrichment of mankind. No university, wherever it may be, which does not constitute itself as the guardian of freedom of thought and is not constantly engaged in search of truth, can achieve the highest service. And when I speak of truth, will you allow me to quote from a fellow-graduate of yours, Mr. Chancellor, the world-famous Doctor, Sir William Osler, when he said: "The Truth is the best that you can get with your best endeavour -- the best that the best men accept". And I think of the other definition of truth given by that incomparable leader, that man whose life's purpose was to serve others -- I refer of course to Mahatma Gandhi -- when he said this: "Truth is like a vast tree -- it yields more and more fruit the more you nurture it." I might say, paraphrasing those words, that peace is like a vast tree which yields more and more fruit, the more we nurture it, as we in Canada and as you in India endeavour to do. While I realize that there will be some who will not agree with me in this, being of the legal profession, I am one of those who believe that, while the trend in recent years has been away from the humanities, more and more mankind is realizing the necessity of the maintenance of the liberal arts. A stern struggle is being waged between the liberal arts and the sciences. Indeed, it has been epigrammatically summarized in this way, following the words of Gilbert and Sullivan: "Every boy and every girl that's born into the world this year must be a little scientist or a little engineer".

I am among those who believe that, while emphasis on scientific knowledge and achievements is of paramount importance in raising the standards of mankind, the elevation of those things which are within our grasp, we must at no time forsake