

take, turns as rapidly as he can back to the straight line leading to the point he has to reach, so should the true lover of his country make the moral and mental progress of the people as a whole, his line of direction. It may often seem the less direct way, but it is the only one that can be truly successful. The second is, that in our present stage we should keep constantly in view the links of connection which bind us to the great British Empire, and strengthen them as far as may be in our power. It is no small thing to be members of an organization the most stable and powerful in the world, and, at the same time, that which allows the greatest amount of liberty. Independently of all national prejudices, or patriotic feelings, or difference of origin, we cannot be too thankful for the privileges we thus enjoy; or too willing to contribute our part, however small, to the welfare and honour of the empire; and if we can desire anything further in this respect, it seems to me that it should be sought, in endeavouring more completely and closely to unite all the British colonies and dependencies in one great colonial and imperial council, having its seat in the metropolis of the Empire, and binding together all its scattered parts in closer union with one another, and with our common head.

But lastly I would direct your attention to the duties of the educated man in his relation to his God, and to the example that he sets before his fellow-man. The religious life of a people is its only true life. If this is wanting, or if it is vitiated by infidelity, by superstition, or by any of the idolatries which are set up between man and his Maker, nothing will avail to give prosperity and happiness.

On this great matter it is the part of the educated man, if of any man, to exercise an independent judgment. Honestly, solemnly, and as in a matter of more concern than any of the passing things of earth, he must set himself to form fixed and certain opinions, which commend themselves to his own calm judgment and conscience, and which he can vindicate