

wants nothing more than to see England engage in some difficulty with a foreign power in order to carry out her designs on Constantinople. Now, the Marquis of Salisbury is by no means a timid statesman, but I think everyone must admire his prudence in endeavoring to settle this Behring's Sea question in a peaceable manner.

HON. MR. POWER—What about Portugal?

HON. MR. WARK—There is no danger from Portugal.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—My hon. friends opposite will not be surprised if I concur entirely in all they have said as to the advantages which we have already derived, and will in the future derive, from the appointments which the Government have made to this House during the interval between last Session and now. I listened with very great pleasure to the speeches of the mover and the seconder of the Address, and was struck with the knowledge of the subjects which they displayed. I congratulated myself not only upon the advantages which the appointments obviously possess, but also, as I listened to hon. gentlemen opposite, on the approbation of the actions of the Government which they displayed in praising these appointments. In fact, that appeared to me to be quite in harmony with a great deal that fell from my hon. friends opposite; but while congratulating ourselves upon those acquisitions to our numbers I think it meet and fitting that we make a passing reference to the losses we have sustained by the hand of death since our last Session. We have had the misfortune to lose two of our most valued members, one (Mr. Hardisty) who was only on the threshold of his duties as a Senator, and had not had sufficient time here to make known to us the ability that he possessed and the patriotism that, I have no doubt, he would have displayed as a member of the Senate. He was cut off in the zenith of his powers, and we have to lament the untimely accident which deprived us of his association with us as our colleague. We must also feel, more strongly if possible, the loss we sustained in the death of our late hon. friend from Hamilton (Mr. Turner), a man who was and would have continued to be a credit to this House, and

to any body of which he was a member. He was cut off while displaying among us the manly vigor both of body and mind which distinguished him above a great many of his fellows. These are losses which we could not contemplate as being probable, and which are irremediable to us, and they very strongly—more strongly almost than any similar misfortune that has occurred to this House—illustrate to most of us—to many of us, at all events—the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death.

With reference to the subject of the Speech which my hon. friends have discussed, as I have said I think we have to congratulate ourselves, and I congratulate the House and those hon. gentlemen upon the moderation which they have displayed in the discussion of those points in the Speech with which they did not altogether agree, or which suggested to them, perhaps, subjects on which they did not altogether agree, with members on this side of the House. I congratulate myself and the House on that, because I think it marks a progress in the career of this House which is likely to prove advantageous to us in the future. It is important that we should be able to eliminate from our discussions any virulence of party feeling that may tend to distort our opinions or prevent a clear view of the subjects that are presented to us. The Senate is eminently a house of deliberation, possessing in its members a degree of experience and also, we may hope, of judgment and wisdom, which their previous training and their previous careers in most instances so well justify, and the position which we hold before the country is likely to be sustained and elevated by a calm and dispassionate consideration of the questions which come before us, rather than by indulging in heated debates or recriminations on matters on which we happen to differ. That, I think, correctly characterizes the discussion which has taken place so far; and I am glad of it, and proud of the House for the applause with which the remarks of hon. gentlemen on both sides have been received. At the same time, as a matter of course, although in so many instances my hon. friends opposite agree with the Government and state their approbation of its conduct, there are one or two points to which in a few words I desire to refer, not intending to raise a