

development cannot be forced by governmental grant or agency. These can help but in the final analysis the responsibility for growth lies primarily with the universities and with the citizens themselves.

In our democratic society we have had a unique opportunity for individuals to develop their own talents and to share their own destinies. Speaking in 1953 of recent developments in his country, Mr. Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, said "we have decided to build India according to democratic methods because ultimately we feel that democracy is something of the highest human value". In the democratic society which we enjoy in Canada we too have the opportunity to develop and bring out the finest qualities with which Providence has endowed man.

I should like to pay tribute to the devotion and enthusiasm which you who are engaged in this important work are giving to your task, and, as the leader of the Canadian government, to express our sincere gratitude to you all. My colleagues and I are deeply appreciative of the co-operation, advice and assistance which we have received from you in this field. I realize that you might well have cause to hesitate before the magnitude of this task, but I know too that you will continue to rise to the challenge.

The future of Canada and of the free world does not depend alone on the ability of our scientists and on our material progress. Important as they are, these aspects of our life cannot do more than open up to us the possibilities of greater human progress in other fields. Great also is the part the humanities have to play not only in enriching the lives of Canadians but by helping us to understand other peoples, their thought processes and their way of life, they too are contributing to world peace.

In conclusion may I extend once more my sincere thanks for the opportunity of being with you this evening and my best wishes for the success of your deliberations.

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