

which we share in common. I would like to say to the Prime Minister of Australia that we have greatly welcomed the presence in Canada of the members of the air force who have come to us from his country.

I shall not add more except to say in a word, to Mr. Menzies that we hope he will carry back with him to his home dominion the warmest, indeed the affectionate greetings not only of the members of this parliament but of the people of Canada as a whole.

We are building to-day within what used to be exclusively termed the British empire not only a great British commonwealth but also a great British brotherhood. The presence of the Prime Minister of Australia side by side with the members of the parliament of this Dominion of Canada to-day is visible evidence to the world of the unity which is an outstanding feature of the war for all parts of the British empire. May he carry back with him the assurance, which I am certain he will not need, that so far as Canada is concerned we are joined with the other nations of the commonwealth, and particularly with the United Kingdom, in a determination to give the utmost of our ability, capacity and strength to the winning of the war for the greater freedom of mankind, and that our effort will be unflinching until victory itself is achieved.

4. ADDRESS BY RIGHT HON. R. G. MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, MAY 7, 1941.

Mr. Speaker, this is an atmosphere in which at one and the same time I feel a perfect stranger and yet at home; a stranger, because if your parliamentary rules are the same as our own, sir, I believe that is my exact technical description. But as nobody has drawn attention to the presence of strangers in the house, which is an unkind habit in which we occasionally indulge in Australia, I am here being accorded, as I fully realize, the greatest honour that a British parliament can pay to any man.

I am very sensible of that honour. I am very sensible of the fact that it is paid to me as the representative of a great dominion which, like your own, has pledged to this struggle everything that it has. So that when I acknowledge your very generous words I want you to feel that it is Australia which is speaking to you, because I know that in what I shall say to you I speak for one hundred per cent of the people of my own country.