

devoting their lives to hard tasks for the sake of mankind, with lasting honour to themselves and to the institution whose humble and steadfast servants they are.

We join too in the universal welcome to the membership of Tunisia and Morocco and speak our happiness that they have found their way to this Assembly along the highroad of freedom,

It is also our wish to clasp the hands of the delegation from Nigeria which has taken its place as an associate member. With what graceful and generous courtesy its Speaker announced their impending nationhood! Soon the Federation of Nigeria will become the partner of Canada in the brotherhood of the Commonwealth. May all our African brothers and Caribbean brothers also discover the truth spoken by the late Prime Minister of New Zealand when he said that membership in the Commonwealth is not Freedom with something taken away but Freedom with something added.

We have met under the shadow of violence and conflict and this delegation was deeply moved by the calm wisdom and sad sincerity of the speech of the Prime Minister of India at the beginning of this Conference. I think those who are present here today know the efforts which Canada and India have made, and will continue to make, to bring the world back to the sanity and sanctity of an honourable and just settlement in the Near East, and to ensure the substitution of the force of law for the law of force wherever violence rages. We hope that UNESCO will always be a household of free, friendly and fruitful discussion and debate and that above the thunders and clamours of the raucous world there will always be heard the voice of reason and what the poet calls "the still, sad music of humanity." Above all liberties, said one of the world's great voices, is the liberty to know, to utter and to argue freely according to conscience. Perhaps we can all take some comfort from the knowledge that even today no stronger criticism of the disputed policy of the British Government, no freer or more vigorous denunciation of its dangers has anywhere been spoken or written than in famous British newspapers freely published in Britain itself, in public meetings freely assembled in Britain, in earnest debates freely held in a free British Parliament and wherever men gather in Britain to hammer out the truth on the anvil of free discussion.

There at least we see in real and vital action some of the basic freedoms approved by the words of UNESCO.

Now this I believe is the most important meeting of any United Nations Organisation hitherto held in the East. There is amongst the Greeks an ancient verse recording this epitaph. "And if I am a Syrian, what wonder? We all dwell in one country, oh stranger, the world - and Chaos is the mother of us all." We in Canada who are the beneficiaries of the gifts of so many other peoples believe that there is only one race in the world which is really important and that is the human race. We are determined to pay with reverence our debt to humanity,