

"Now as we go away in the days to come many little things will flash upon that inward eye. There are some scenes to make us all very sad. Scenes of suffering and poverty: But I remember in my youth conditions in Britain when there were terrible slums and where ragged children with bare feet on winter nights sold papers on the street corners. And I remember hearing a young man from Ruskin College, Oxford, making a speech at that time. And this is what he said as far as I remember. He said I am an Englishman and I suppose in a way I am proud of the British Empire. But I am not concerned with an empire where the sun never sets as long as there are thousands of back alleys where it never shines. And so with joy I think we all witness India's careful planning and her determined effort to improve the lot of her own children. I have faith and I am sure we all have faith in her ability to do so.

"Now these things, some perhaps little things about this country I will not forget. In the Parliament House as the benediction which reigns over it, there is not an emblem of kingly majesty, nor of glory nor vainglory, no sign of might or wealth or of temporal power but the benediction that looks down from the walls of the house is the portrait of a man who was simple in life, steadfast in faith, saintly in conduct, a man of infinite compassion and unflinching strength and courage. I think of India as a nation of individuals. And I like individuals. And where can you find anywhere more individuals of infinite variety. I have met as we all have met many men and women with the grade of words upon their lips and wisdom in their hearts. I have heard the gentle teaching of calm philosophers. I have seen aged faces chiselled by sorrow into a rare and strange beauty. I have looked into young faces, transfigured by the eagerness of their enquiring minds by love of their free hand and eyes shining with a new hope. And as I have looked at them I have found myself repeating, "But come let us not lose hope in the world prematurely. The world is not quite given up to diplomacy, to the combination and the finding of formulas. There are always the young, the devoted, the enthusiastic, the breakers of fetters". We have all met much kindness and great courtesy. I have seen a nation that knows what should be the real end of revolution. For the real end of revolution is not only to sweep away evil things but to keep the good things. And I think we with English and American institutions, are so happy to see that India has kept as the solid basis of democracy, parliamentary institutions with their freedom of debate, and the dignity, the fairness and the incorruptability of its courts of law.

"Now many of us will depart, as I will, humbled and chastened, and yet we shall take away with us a new richness. For we know now, or I do, as never before, the passionate feeling in the East for brotherhood and equality. We honour India, not because of what she has but because of what she is and what great gifts she will give, and is beginning to give already to a free world where someday right will be the conqueror and wrong be the conquered. If we owe thanks to India how best can we repay our debt? Let me suggest that we all go back