

My dear young friends,

It gives me great pleasure to be here this afternoon and ^{take part} ~~partake~~ in the ceremony of unveiling the portrait of Sri M. Maddaiya. The appropriateness of the ^{function} ~~occasion~~ is heightened by the fact that we are meeting here on the auspicious ^{occasion} ~~day~~ when the whole nation is celebrating the Independence Day with great devotion and enthusiasm.

For reasons which ~~with~~ you will appreciate a little later, it ^{would} ~~is~~ not ~~not~~ be out of place if I were to recount here some of the great achievements of the last seven years of Independence - (1) constitution etc. (2) ^{(3) Integration of States} refugee (4) River valley schemes (5) Factories (6) postal, Ry. Tel. ^{highways} (7) National Labs, etc. etc. (8) Food problem (9) National plans (10) Bharat Sewak Samaj (11) Hindu Code Bill (12) States reorganisation (13) Banking & Press Comms (14) Lalitka Kala, Sanyukta, Natyaka etc. (15) Foreign Health Survey & Development, (16) Sports Control Board (17) Community projects (18) Panchasheha in UNO & Unesco (19) Encouragement of private trade & Commerce (20) Foreign policy.

This impressive catalogue of achievements I have placed before you might probably induce the feeling in you that everything has been done and there is nothing for us to do. On the other hand, the truth is that there is everything to be done, and what has been done ^{just} is to lay a foundation. It can certainly be said that this ^{good} ~~foundation~~ has been well and truly laid by our leaders, and it is now the duty of the younger generation in India to build a superstructure worthy of this ~~noble~~ ^{solid} and noble foundation. To do this and ~~to add to the achievement of political freedom~~ ^{to achieve economic}

and social freedom in addition to the political freedom we have already gained, you should equip yourself properly. You must cultivate a true awareness of freedom, its implications and the duties, not the rights, that it entails. You must acquire a national consciousness and develop a type of national distinctive national character based on the great teachings of our seers and sages, ~~and~~ ^{and} adumbrated in our great national epics and expounded in a modern garb by Gandhiji. You must rise high above narrow sectarian prejudices, and eschew the evils of communalism, casteism, linguism and provincialism, and strive to be good citizens of a great India.

To achieve these ends and reach these heights requires an all round progress in the education of our young men in ^{its} the highest constellation. As I have already mentioned to you the Government of India aided by the several provincial Governments has achievements to its credit of which any country might well be proud, but it would not be fair to assume that that Govt will be able, for all time to come, to shoulder the responsibility for the compulsory education of all the children of the State. It is ^{therefore} ~~is~~ absolutely essential that private enterprise should come forward and help the State in its noble endeavour. It is in this context that the function of this afternoon gains an added significance, and the philanthropy of noble gentlemen like Sri M. Maddaiya becomes an item of great national service.

Sri Maddaiya hails from the Kolar Gold Fields bringing with him not only gold in the liberal sense but also the gold ^{in the form} of service to his countrymen. I do not know if many of you have read the story of Abu Ben Adhem & the Angel Sri Maddaiya is a gentleman of this type and may his tribe increase!

Sri Maddaiya has taken great interest in the education and well being of the student community ^{fully} ~~well~~ realising that the youth of today

is the citizen of tomorrow. He has been responsible for running a cosmopolitan lodging for students at K. G. F., and has now extended his sphere of charity. The very Sherrada Building where we are ~~now~~ conducting this afternoon's function has been constructed by him in order to provide good accommodation at cheap rents to the student population. I can well realise, as Principal of a populous College, what a great boon this is to the Students. As member of the Scholarship Committee for Kolar District, and member of the Nandidrug Institute he has rendered further valuable services. In addition to all this public service which he has been doing unostentatiously, he has served the State as a member of the Representative Assembly for nearly fourteen years. We can also remember with pride that, in recognition of his manifold services, His Highness the Rajapramukh was pleased to award a distinguished Service Medal to him in the year 1948.

Slightly changing the famous lines of the Poet Shakespeare I could say "The quality of Charity should not be strained, for it blesseth him that gives more than that blesseth him that takes". May God bless Sri Maddiah for the service he has rendered to the cause of education and thereby to the progress of the nation, and give him long life, health and prosperity. I have now great pleasure in unveiling the portrait of Sri Maddiah.
