The noblest inheritance which any nation can possess and the most powerful stimulus to all that we include under the broad name of patriotism are the heroic traditions and the illustrious memories of the great and good men whose deeds and words are integral portions of that nation's history. We know that it has been said that the happiest nations are those that have no history. But if the absence of history means the absence of all inspiring records of human excellence we cannot have any hesitation in deciding that the conflict of good and evil which endures
Out of the potentialities of human nature, produces the saints and heroes of humanity, is the preferred to any state of political and social organization which leaves no record of any change in its monotonous quiescence.

We have not yet witnessed in Australasia any of those momentous struggles for a better and juster organization of society which fill so large a place in the annals of the older nations of the world, and with which the names of so many combatants and martyrs for human welfare are inseparably associated. But we have had a sufficient conflict of antagonistic forces for the formation of society sufficient to supply a touchstone of human character and to teach us that the possibilities of virtue and heroism are not limited to engage in the history of the world and any
Just or climate. The result in each of the Australasian colonies has been to screen to us the noble qualities possessed by many of the men who have done good service in building up the institutions under which we live and whose nameless deeds we desire to record for the instruction of the future generations who shall inherit the benefits of their labours. But among them all the name of the late Chief Justice of Victoria occupies a unique and preeminent position in the affection of the people of Australasia, and I have placed upon our notice paper for today the motion to which I am now asking the House to agree because I believe that at the present juncture in the history of the Australasian colonies their several parliaments could not perform
any act that would be a more appropriate or significant expression of that unity of sentiment and sympatry which must constitute the ultimate and permanent basis of any political and expansive union of the future than the adoption of a motion like that in which the example

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its local activities 1 one colony only is recognized as a bastion in which all the other colonies share of them

It is not any intention to make any attempt to sketch in any public career of the man whose name I write the House to inscribe upon its records, but I shall crave the indulgence of the House for a few minutes to say that I recall the
few occasions on which I heard him speak in the law courts and in the Victorian parliament as among the most glowing and vivid recollections of my life, and I think that I may safely say that I believe that it will be admitted by all competent judges that as an orator he stood without a peer throughout the whole of Australia, and I think I may safely say that during the last twenty years, in over twenty years of his parliamentary career, never, never of every important speech he made. After years when he had grappled the stormy theatre of politics for the calmer atmosphere of the Bench, it was my valued privilege to have personal intercourse with him and
During theittings of the Federal Convention in Sydney, I received a
tory and thoughtful private commis-
vention from him in reference to an
important feature in the Proposed
Federal Constitution. He watched
I know he watched the setting of the
Convention with great interest and he
was deeply desirous of seeing the Federation
of Australasia accomplished. He has not
rushed to see that event and still a place
in the Federal Commonwealth which wisely
have borne directly and officially associated
his name with its establishment and the
For fame a federated Australasia may afford
for its most pitiful and wretched children in the future. I feel that I am not guilty of any exaggeration when I say that it will be impossible for any other government to history with a more stately record than that which your Representatives has frequented to, or one from which subsequent generations will be able to draw a higher inspiration for fidelity. The performance of the task allotted to them in connection and for the perpetuation of the noble and wise institutions of future trust. The motion before the House speaks of the loss which the people of Australia have sustained by his death, but in this instance as in every other like it, death and the grave are unable to take from us the most precious element of life that has monuments. Astronomers have told us that one of the most distant and most brilliant
Planes that illuminate the sky would be suddenly darkened by the light that had been emitting for preceding centuries and continue forever. Additional centuries to their turns upon the world. Do when a great and good man dies the light and influence he leaves behind him continues to shine down the ages to come pride and and inspire other men of subsequent generation and follow in his footsteps, and the shall surely to well up ascents direct the attention in many ways from among themselves our rounds one Circuit in promising ...