

from which their cattle can drink and which at the same time will help to combat soil erosion; self-help projects such as roads, which have joined many villages in Lesotho by passenger bus services, where previously travelling was difficult, particularly in the foothills and in the mountain regions where there were no roads of any kind except only small footpaths.

Let us always remember that there can be no improvement or economic development or even progress unless we see to it that our country is opened up and our villages joined together by roads; and this we can easily do if we join the self-help projects. Afterwards these roads will only need to be maintained and improved and this can be done by taking advantage of the facilities offered by the self-help projects in giving assistance.

I shall not have done my duty if I do not relate to you the example of the men and women of goodwill who have joined together, with one voice and one desire and one aim, without taking heed of their different creeds, their different political affiliations and their different walks of life, and in the realisation that unity is strength, have formed themselves into a Poultry Farming Association in Lesotho. These most fortunate men and women have shown us an example that if we really desire to be a growing nation and improve our living and our economy, we should feel bound to follow their example. They invited me to close their annual conference, which was held in Maseru on the 22nd March, 1969, and I was happy and privileged to be able to accept this honour. But what touched me most was to find such a spirit of co-operation prevailing among these people, who had come from many different places in the country - a spirit of love among themselves, a spirit of love in their association and in their great national work. It was a wonder to behold. There I saw demonstrated the truth of the saying that "unity is strength".

It is true that people of different creeds and different political affiliations can still work together. All the more if they are working together in a service which unites the nation by furthering its progress and economy because such a service is above all kinds of division.

These poultry farmers have enhanced our good name among other nations by this great national service and as a

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