

their traditions, for after all it is these that helped to mould and weld this nation together. It is time our schools taught about our own heroes, the founders of this nation and the preservers of the country. It is time our youth were taught to discover itself through learning about their forefathers and the history of the nation.

I should now like to turn to matters of national health. I should like to express my appreciation for all that was done in this area in the last ten years of independence. This is an area where a lot remains to be done. It is here that more sacrifices will be required of the nationals of this country. The greater part of our population lives in the country away from the towns. It is in the rural areas where most hardships, such as hunger, want and disease are mostly found. This is where help is needed most. We shall expect our own nationals, doctors and nurses, to brave the hazards of the remote inaccessible mountain areas in the service of their people. We must set the example for those who have come to help us. Health clinics are increasing in the remote areas. These should be manned. Health Services form the back-bone of this country. If no health services are provided, there will soon be no people. The future in such circumstances can only be described as bleak. To you doctors and nurses, I should like to make a special request, that the new year should be an occasion for restating the ancient vow to serve with love and devotion those entrusted to your care. You must show sympathy and understanding to those who have placed their lives in your hands. You must be a light and hope to those depressed by illness.

Before concluding my speech, I should now like to address myself specifically and in a special way to the youth of the country; you the men and women of to-morrow.

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