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The Duty of England Towards India.

Speech Day at Rugby School was held on Saturday, when the HEADMASTER (Mr. W. W. Vaughan) presided and presented the prizes. There were some cynics, he said, who doubted if there was much value in meeting on such an occasion. He hoped that suggestions as to a better way of doing things would continue to be made, as they proved, at least, that some minds were active, but he saw no reason to apologise for their meeting, as its value lay in the fact that everyone in the room had the interests of Rugby at heart.

Turning to the honours list, Mr. Vaughan said that it showed a variety of distinctions, which covered almost the whole of human life all over the globe. Rugbeians were active everywhere in the welfare of the people amongst whom they lived. It was sad, however, that they only had to congratulate one old Rugbeian on entering the Indian Civil Service. He knew that just at present it was hard to persuade sons or parents of the advantages of Indian Service, but it was the duty of England to send of her very best to the task which India could provide for the ambitious man. England must continue to send such men to help India, and to guide her destinies until she was more able to guide her own.

Recitations were given by D. W. Lucas, who won the King's Medal, F. W. King (Greek Iambics), C. T. Plumb (English), and F. N. Crofts (Latin Elegiacs). C. S. M. Brereton gave a declamation, "The End of Worldly Ambition," from Sir Walter Raleigh's history of the world.

Two scenes in costume from Molière's "Le Médecin Malgré Lui" were excellently acted. They owed a great deal to the brilliant character-study of the woodcutter, Sganarelle, given by P. L. de Laszlo. Others of the cast were A. H. H. M. Dickie, F. K. Roberts, K. W. Symington, and E. G. Compton.

Floreat Rugbeia, sung fortissimo by the entire school, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.