

CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD:	president of Congress. X. XXXX.
MOHAMMED ALI JINNAH:	president All-India Muslim League. XX.
BEHULABHAI DESAI:	Leader, Congress Party in Cent. Assembly. X
RAJA SHIVALAL MOTILAL	" " " " Council of States
LIQWAT ALI KHAN:	Leader, Muslim League in Cent. Assembly. XX.
HOSSAIN IMAM:	" " " " Council of States, XX.
G. RAJAGOPALACHARI:	Ex-Premier, Madras. X.
B. G. KHER:	" " Bombay. X.
G. B. PANT:	" " United Province. X.
PANDIT SUKLA:	" " Central Province. X.
SHRI KRISHNA SINA:	" " Bihar. X.
SIR NAZIMUDDIN:	" " Bengal. XX.
RAJA OF PARIAKAMEDU:	" " Orissa. XXX.
DR. KHAN SAHIB:	Premier, N.W.F. province. X. XXXX.
SIR GHULAM Hidayatulla:	" Sind. XX.
MALIK KHIZAR HAYAT KHAN:	" Punjab. XXXX.
SIR MOHAMMED SAADULLA:	" Assam. XXXX.
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SIR HENRY RICHARDSON:	Leader, European Group in Cent. Assembly.
RAO BAHADUR SIVARAJ:	President All-India Sch. Castes. Federation. XXX.
DR. P. M. BANNERJEE:	Leader Nationalist Party in Cent. Assembly. XXX.
MASTER TARA SINGH:	Representing Sikhs.

X. member Congress Party (9, including 2 Muslims).

XX. member Muslim League (5).

XXX. non-Congress Hindu (3).

XXXX. non-League Muslim (4).

Totals: 10 Hindus, 2 Muslims, 1 Sikh, 1 European.

note: 10 Hindus include one member Scheduled Castes.

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His Excellency the Viceroy's Opening Remarks.

'Before we begin on the agenda of this Conference, the outcome of which will have a momentous influence on the destiny of India, I feel there are a few words I should say to you.

First, I welcome you all as men who by character and ability have risen to leadership in your provinces and parties. I have called you together from all parts of India, at this critical moment in her history, to advise and help me in advancing India towards prosperity, political freedom and greatness. I ask you to give me that help in a spirit of broad cooperation towards the good of India as a whole.

It is not a constitutional settlement, it is not a final solution of India's complex problems that is proposed. Nor does the plan in any way prejudice or prejudice the final issue. But if it succeeds, I am sure it will pave the way towards a settlement; and will bring it nearer.

The statesmanship, wisdom and good will of all of us is here on trial, not merely in the eyes of India but before the world. I said in my broadcast that on all sides there was something to forgive and forget. We have got to rise above the level of old prejudices and enmities, and of party and sectional advantage; and think of the good of India, the good of 400 million people; and how we can best combine to implement these new proposals made by His Majesty's Government for the advancement of India, now and in the future. It will not be easy, and unless we can place our deliberations at a high common level, we shall not succeed.

You must accept my leadership for the present. Until there is some agreed change in the constitution I am responsible to His Majesty's Government for the good government and tranquillity of India. I ask you to believe in me as a sincere friend of India. I will endeavour to guide the discussions of this Conference in what I believe to be the best interest of this country.

On the column which stands in front of the Viceroy's House crowned by the Star of India, are engraved these words: "In Truth, In Faith, In World Wisdom, In Deed Courage, In Life Service, so may India be great." They will make a good guide for our Conference.
