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Peace is the spirit of India, and force is the method of Europe, and if India must, she will adopt the European method of gaining her freedom, he added.

The doctor said India's idea of freedom is a government that will permit her people to develop spiritually, and they ask nothing more. They do not wish to oust the British, they welcome them if they will grant India her rights, he continued. A status similar to that of Canada or Australia under Britain would be acceptable to India, he said, asserting that India is well able to handle her own affairs, and is as much civilized as any nation, her growth being spiritual, while that of the West is material.

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