

CLOSING REMARKS

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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Bolton, our revels now are ended, but our actors were not spirits and they were not melted into thin air, and what they said here has been recorded and will be transcribed and will be printed and bound, and will reach each of you as a book, a most attractive book, in eight or ten months.

As Dr. Servadio was giving us his masterly summary, I couldn't help but recall this observation on the *Iliad* by a classical critic. I will quote it: "He who has put a good finish to his undertaking is said to have placed a crown of gold to a hope." This you have done, Dr. Servadio, and you have the thanks of all of us for your labors, for your brilliant and hard labors, throughout this conference.

I must note also the contribution to this conference of all our chairmen, including you again, Dr. Servadio. I must thank the ruthless Clem Mundle for doing so well. And we are very grateful also to the gentle John Cutten who had more time to work with.

I want to thank our chief engineer, Mr. Robert Coly, who had some pretty rough moments with this ancient slide projector yesterday, but came through unrattled. I also want to thank Mrs. Coly. She and Mr. Coly are my colleagues here as well as in New York and they have contributed most effectively, albeit so quietly and unobtrusively, to these three days of meetings with all the details that had to be attended to, and which they did attend to so well.

And so, to repeat—our revels in the midst of this uncommon beauty of France are ended. Three days ago I was privileged to open these meetings and to pay tribute to the founders of the Parapsychology Foundation who have made these astonishing, these remarkable annual meetings possible. I am glad to address myself to them again and to note again their very great achievement.

Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Bolton, the end of this conference emphasizes anew the great contribution you continue to make to man's knowledge. You have again placed all of us in your debt. You have placed the

entire world of learning in your debt; I think it is reasonable to say that many men and women many miles from here continue in your debt. It is, I say, a most magnificent achievement. And so, with the memory of your incomparable hospitality and the astonishing beauty of the Alpes Maritimes countryside still glowing within us, I announce the end of the Nineteenth Annual International Conference of the Parapsychology Foundation.