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avoid vexed questions, and in every way to strengthen the bonds of amity now existing between all classes of the community, both at home and in South Africa.

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