

Speech by Benjamin Disraeli

Journalist

Last night I was in the House of Commons to report on the proceedings for my newspaper, The Times. Eventually, the Prime Minister, Mr Disraeli, stood to speak. As he spoke, he became so impassioned that I was having trouble writing down all that he said.

Harder version, but closer to Disraeli's original:

**Benjamin
Disraeli**

I tell you that there are two nations in this country of ours. There is no communication between them and they have no sympathy for each other. They are as ignorant of each other's habits, thoughts, and feelings, as if they were dwellers in different zones, or inhabitants of different planets. They are formed by a different breeding, are fed by a different food, are ordered by different manners, and are not governed by the same laws.

Ladies and gentlemen, I, Benjamin Disraeli, vow that we will now begin the work needed to unite our people into one great nation.

Simpler, alternative, version:

**Benjamin
Disraeli**

I tell you that there are two nations in this country of ours. They know so little about each other that they might as well live in different places, or even on different planets. Their families are separated from each other and they work to different sets of rules and manners.

Ladies and gentlemen, I, Benjamin Disraeli, vow that we will now begin the work needed to unite our people into one great nation.

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As Mr Disraeli sat down, there were deafening cries of "here, here" from his backbenchers and howls of "boo" and "no" from his opponents. Amid the uproar, we journalists agreed that his determination to reform our country seemed very strong. I cannot tell where it will lead, but I am sure it will be to a better world.