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During the stay of the Swami Vivekananda ji in US, the following Address from the Maharaja of Khetri Ajit Singh ji whom swamiji considered his only friend in his last days was received.
The letter showcases the response of Swamiji's famous speech in India.

Kindly give a read:



March 4th, 1895

My dear Swamiji,
As head of this Durbar held today for the special purpose, I've much pleasure in conveying to you, in my own name & that of my subjects, the heartfelt thanks of this State for your worthy representation of Hinduism at the Parliament of Religions-

-held at Chicago, in America.

I do not think the general principles of Hinduism could be expressed more accurately and clearly in English than what you have done, with all the restrictions imposed by the very natural shortcomings of language itself.

The influence of your speech and behaviour in foreign lands has not only spread admiration among men of different countries and different religions, but has also served to familiarise you with them, to help in the furtherance of your unselfish cause.

This is very highly and inexpressibly appreciated by us all, and we should feel to be failing in our duty, were I not to write to you formally at least these few lines, expressing our sincere gratitude for all the trouble you have taken in going to foreign countries, and to-

-expound in the American Parliament of Religions the truths of our ancient religion which we ever hold so dear.

It is certainly applicable to the pride of India that it has been fortunate in possessing the privilege of having secured so able a representative as yourself.

Thanks are also due to those noble souls whose efforts succeeded in organising the Parliament of Religions, and who accorded to you a very enthusiastic reception. As you were quite a foreigner in that continent, their kind treatment of you is due to their love of the several-

- qualifications you possess, and this speaks highly of their noble nature.

I herewith enclose twenty printed copies of this letter, and have to request that, keeping this one with yourself, you will kindly distribute the other copies among your friends.

With best regards,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely

Will post Swamiji's detailed and insightful response in the next thread.