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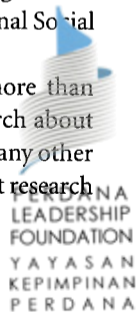
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their eightieth*



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What [the indio] lacks in the first place is liberty to allow expansion for his adventurous spirit and good examples, beautiful prospects for the future. It is necessary that his spirit, although it may be dismayed and cowed by the elements and the fearful manifestations of their mighty forces, store up energy, seek lofty purposes, in order to struggle against the obstacles in the midst of unfavourable natural conditions. In order that he may progress, it is necessary that a revolutionary spirit, so to speak, should stir in his veins, since progress necessarily requires change, implies the overthrow of the past and there deified by the present, the victory of new ideas over old and accepted ones.

Rizal in *La Solidaridad*, 15 September 1890
(Guadalupe Fores-Ganzon translation).



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