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A language is a destiny . . . it is the instrument by which [a nation's] personality is communicated, situates itself in history, affirms its active and creative uniqueness.

Pierre-Henri Simon

to

Victoria and Matthew