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or of the province or of the nation or of the empire, but an interest in the politics of the world, by the young manhood and young womanhood of our land. When we think of politics in terms of citizenship, and citizenship in terms of service, and service in terms of a larger freedom for ourselves and for others, I venture to say that no finer spectacle has ever presented itself in this Dominion than that which we, ~~who are~~ present in this hall are witnessing in this gathering to-night.

To you who, at the very threshold of your maturer lives are dedicating your talents to the cause of freedom in the politics of our day, I can only say, keep ever before you the true relation of the individual to the state. Believe in your heart of hearts that the larger freedom you desire for your country and those who, like yourselves, are its citizens, will be in proportion only to the freedom which in your own lives you experience from all that ~~tends~~ to enthrall or to shatter or distort the noble visions of the soul. There is something more than chance in the fact that many of the greatest actors, many of the greatest artists, many of the greatest poets, many of the greatest prophets, have been Liberals. They are the men and women ^{much} who have been concerned with self expression in the highest forms, the expression of a larger freedom for the individual and for the state.

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