

and expect to live to see the day when, it may be only after long years of bitter struggle and combat, the victory shall have been won and those great reforms achieved. And if such a one may, in conclusion, be permitted, from his reading of history, to offer a word of cheer to those young and ardent spirits upon whom the triumph of Canadianism and the future welfare of our beloved country must largely depend it would be this: — "Let your glance be ever forward and never backward. Never think of the past, as some so sadly do, as "the good old days" Never, as an American writer* has admonished his countrymen, let that baneful sign be fastened on you, let no one ever convince you that the world does not progress. For we live, as President Wilson has well said, in a time that calls for "forward-looking men," men who, looking through the eyes of faith and confidence, can see the *coming* of the "good old days" just over the next hill-top-straight ahead. Never be the mental slave of any party, of any man or any set of men. Do your own thinking. Under a democratic form of government the party system has its advantages but neither the leaders nor the directing spirits of a party are invariably right. Remember always that principles are more important than men, ever, therefore, retain your freedom of thought and your liberty of action and let your conscience be your sole guide as to how you shall act. But never lose faith in Providence or in humanity or ever doubt that through storm and revolution God still works to make a world more just and decent for the great body of his people. Never believe that individual effort, however humble, is ever unavailing. John Hampden was only an individual, a simple country squire, but he kindled the fires of freedom and started a conflagration that lit a tyrannical king to the scaffold and illuminated one of the greatest political upheavals in British history. But think not that your path will be smooth or triumph easily won. On the contrary, all history shows that the path of the reformer is ever rough and rugged and that

* Bruce Barton In Every Week. The writings of this well known American writer are always most inspiring.