

With some falterings, some shortcomings and some failures, we have each in our own way sought to establish the worth of the common man, the dignity of human labour, the equality of human opportunity, the sacredness of human life and the exaltation of our Christian faith.

Today, evil men have placed those precious things in peril. They would change faith, truth and religion, hope and freedom, for unfaith, falsehood, darkness, despair and slavery.

Ever since a cloud as large as Hitler's hand appeared on the horizon of Europe, thoughtful men in our land, and in this land, feared, if they did not foresee, the coming of the storm and the onset of barbarism. From the first moment of tragic conflict, Canada, of her own free choice, took the hard road of sacrifice. With Britain in the vanguard of liberty, and you at our side, we shall continue to the end whatever be the cost.

This ceremony today, seems to me to commemorate our common disdain of the fleeting things that will pass, and our common love of the eternal things that will remain. I see in it also, a realization of the kinship between this great university, indeed, ^{a realization of kinship} between all the universities of this great country, and the universities of Canada.