

hundreds or thousands of men and women in each constituency who would as the result of a courageous presentation of the claims of the party, become annual subscribers to its need. Such monies should be set aside and become available for the necessitous political expenditures within the constituency, after which a percentage should be available for the central organization and placed in the hands of Treasurers who would command national respect.

I have grown to believe that the real prizes of life come as by-products, rather than as returns for direct effort. I believe the Conservative party has been consistently wrong for more than a quarter of a century in being primarily interested in securing power, in place of being primarily interested in being competent to govern. In the one case, you magnify the importance of the machine, greedily desirous of patronage and power; in the other case, you cultivate young men and women to take an interest in public affairs, to seek to understand the problems before the country, and to influence their party in support of measures which reflect faith in the good sense of the electors.

Our trouble lies in faulty vision, insufficient courage, and an inadequate sense of scale in our national problems. To talk of bankruptcy in this young country is the folly of unthinking, prejudiced people; if there is danger of bankruptcy it is that of men and women who will be unworthy of the heritage received from our fathers. We should know that we who are living are but Trustees to conserve during our occupancy this treasure of national character and spirit for the generations to follow.