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THE LORD MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

ADDRESS BY

Right Honourable SIR GEORGE HENRY WILKINSON  
Lord Mayor of London

*Your Grace, Mr. Prime Minister, My Lords and Gentlemen:*

In extending a welcome to you all to the Mansion House to-day, I want to say how privileged I feel in entertaining so representative and distinguished a gathering to meet our honoured guest, Mr. Mackenzie King. And to our visitors from the Dominions, I wish to give you all an especially cordial welcome. You have come to this capital city of the Empire from all parts of the Dominions to join us in the great struggle on which we are at present embarked; a struggle in which we have but one aim—the preservation of the liberty and the privileges of the individual. That we meet in the Mansion House is perhaps symbolic, for the Corporation of London throughout its long history of nearly a thousand years, has strenuously fought for freedom, and has so often been the champion of the people against autocratic acts and rulers.

*Thanks of Citizens of London to the Dominions*

Many of you come into the city of London for the first time to-day. You find it battered and scarred, but let me assure you that the citizens are not cast down. They stand four square to face the future, with heads erect with resolution, and fierce determination. Nothing will turn them from their path, which is the road to complete and final victory. And it is perhaps especially in the city of London that we realize so well the great parts the Dominions are playing in the struggle. Their men, munitions, materials, and