

I salute you, graduating at a time more challenging than ever before in history. I say to you this: whatever your field of endeavour may be, may you never cease to be participants, rather than spectators, in the world scene. May your motto be that ascribed to Lord Morley when it was said of him, he wasn't always right; he was sometimes on the wrong side, but he was never on the side of wrong.

I bring you the message that I received when in India a few months ago, a message that represents to me something of the embodiment of those things that are of the essence of freedom. It's the message to be found on the doorway of the Viceroy's home in India, today the home of the President. It says this: what should we do so that our country may become great. It asks those who read it to practice these particular qualities: in thought, faith; in words, wisdom; in deed, dedication; in life, service.

I say to you, sir, today, that needs to be the message too of the free world. Leaders must not waver in their understanding of the threat that faces freedom. We must not waver in the necessity of preserving unity in purpose and in defence. I am among those who believe that the price of freedom is co-operation; the prize of co-operation is freedom. What the free world nations stand to lose by failure to co-operate is freedom itself.

One hundred years ago, your forefathers recognized the principle that a house divided against itself cannot stand. That principle is as vital today in the world of freedom as it was in your nation in Lincoln's day and since.

Canada and the United States must stand together, stand in co-operation, in defence, in defense production, and in economic co-operation. I believe that they will, and that in the years ahead, generations yet unborn will look back and say of us that our fathers builded for us a world of peace and prosperity. In that day, co-operation was the price of peril; freedom was the prize. Thanks be to them, they builded better than they knew.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have been deeply moved by this opportunity to speak and this privilege and this honour, and I say to you in conclusion, we in Canada realize the necessity of the maintenance of that spirit which is so characteristic of the welcome that I have received here in Michigan, first, from the President of this institution, secondly, in a telegram from the Governor of the State, and even beyond those things, that friendliness, that warm-heartedness, that generosity which has been accorded me this afternoon as I have met so many of the faculty.