

to look closely into the conditions of life to-day; not to blind ourselves to issues that will soon present themselves. By doing this, we shall create an atmosphere of sympathy and intelligence in which it will be possible for those who represent us in parliament to prepare issues for us which they otherwise would not be able to present.

Therefore, as Canadians belonging to these Canadian Clubs, it is our duty, as we are here in our strength—because most of us are young men—to turn our utmost power of thought upon the questions that are lying unsolved round about us in business, in society, in the public life of this Dominion and in the Imperial conditions in which we are living. We must form intelligent opinions upon the things that we may not fall into trifling, degenerate ways. Let us cherish large enough ideas to give opportunity to those who perhaps have more time than we have and more experience for framing policies that will lead our people out to a larger and fuller life in which we may hope there will be little room for repetition of the evils we have seen in other lands in the past.

We cannot go on thinking little of our future; the sooner we think seriously of it the better. Nor can we escape our duty by criticizing others who essay large tasks while we sit quietly in our own offices and complain of the evils of the present.

In the words of Milton, "I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race where the immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat."