

been given to the service of both, and that, in my own career, the two have, in a sense, been inseparable. I know that exception would rightly be taken to any statement that service to the State is inseparable from service to a political party. But where, as in politics, the one is the end, and the other, the means to that end, they are indeed inseparable.

Everything depends upon what the end is we are seeking to serve. Service to the State, where the end is some system of spoils, is not one whit less sordid than service to a political party for a like end. On the other hand, if the end be to better the condition of one's fellowmen, then service to a political party which furthers that end also becomes one of the highest forms of service to the State.

If men and women who feel and think alike on the great questions of the day do not combine under some banner that enables them to proceed as one, they may be sure that those who hold opposite views will be only too ready to profit by their neglect. Service to the State in accordance with principles and policies in which large numbers of men and women believe would soon become impossible without a party through which they could make their views prevail.