

success in the position which I am privileged still to hold, it has been due, I can assure you, to what others have done for me, and to what they have given by way of guidance and direction rather than to any special merit of my own.

The more one shares in public life, the more one learns that the secret of any enduring success lies in the associations of a life, and, particularly, in the nature of those associations. I have been especially fortunate, perhaps no man in public office has been more fortunate, in having as immediate associates true and loyal and able colleagues. Looking back over the years, I recall that when I first came to hold office I was the youngest member of the government. Today, I regret to say, I am the oldest member. To all the members who have been my colleagues I feel, to each one individually, a debt of special obligation. It would be difficult to say what I feel I owe to their collective judgment and wisdom. There are, of course, also hosts of friends throughout the country. I do not wish to touch on politics today, but I must say that I am very grateful to all of those who have been wise enough and good enough to support the policies of the present