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custodians of the rights of all men, and/of Justice in the relationships of Nations as well as of individuals. You have a special mission to do all in your power to see that the rule of Law - based upon Reason, not upon Coercion - is maintained in communities and between nations.

The Importance of Accuracy and Avoidance of Offensive Words

You no doubt are aware that my father wrote a treatise on the Law of Defamation - Libel and Slander. I am told it is still much in demand. I have sometimes thought that he must have foreseen that some member of his family, sooner or later, ^{a subject of attack} would be ~~active~~ in politics. Be that as it may, speaking as one who knows something of the effects of political controversy, I would advise all young men whose callings necessitate much of speaking in public, whether in courts of law, in parliament or from the pulpit, to cultivate the habit of accuracy. I would counsel a spirit of tolerance and of moderation and restraint in expression. I would urge one and all to guard as strongly as may be possible against what, in language, may be offensive to others. It is language that provokes controversies, and controversies that beget wars. The radio even more than the press, becomes all too easily an instrument to engender hatred. Fortunately it may also be made a powerful instrument for peace. The habit of accuracy will do much to avoid discord. As Cicero said, the Truth, of itself, easily defends itself.