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which abides in the breasts of most men that save for the skill with which the forces of privilege are able to divide the forces by which they are opposed, whilst themselves remaining united, I doubt if in our day and generation Conservatism, especially that brand of it which we describe as Toryism, would have the slightest chance of power. The hyphenating of the word Conservative with the word Liberal in the name of the Conservative party is evidence of the extent to which the truth of this fact is recognized by our opponents. It is like that all-embracing phrase "the National Liberal-Conservative Party" invented a few years ago as a sort of political umbrella, to keep under the one cover the various factions that had been created to enable the Conservatives under various disguises, to gain power.

A political party where its membership is based upon the love of liberty and where it seeks a larger freedom for the mass of men is a great institution to which to belong. It brings together men and women of all classes and creeds who share a like attitude and a like outlook. It unites in the great work of government young and old from coast to coast, and it links the present with the past through the centuries of struggle for the larger freedom that we all to-day enjoy.

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