

know that Providence has imposed upon us under different forms of government tremendous responsibilities—moral and national. We are possessed of an equipment for the uplifting of the people of which our fathers never dreamed. Are we using that equipment wisely? The printing press conveys a message from us daily to the fireside of millions of the people. Are we sure that that message has the potency of celestial wisdom and the renovating qualities of celestial fire? The college and the university lift us to the serener heights of reason and reflection. Are we sure that no prejudice follows us in our ascent? The Councillors of the nation in Parliament assembled direct us along the highway of liberty and progress—are we sure that they are always trustworthy guides? To waste our energies in forecasting a future which we cannot determine would be a futile task; to realize the urgent demands of the present would be the only statemanship worthy of our intelligence and our opportunities. Whether you are to be republican "so long as time moves round in an eternal sphere," or whether we are to be monarchical for a few brief years, is of small consequence compared with the duty imposed on each of us to make broader "the foundations of freedom" and show to the world that the civilization of this Continent, whether American or Canadian, endows its citizens with every privilege of civil and religious liberty which is necessary for their fullest happiness and their highest intellectual and moral development.