

plan for securing party funds from a widened constituency is partly responsible for the mischief which has resulted through the money of the manufacturer playing too important a part in party decisions.

I believe, by tradition and best practice, the Conservative party should always be the party with vision, with faith in the country. It should seek to establish security, confidence, and good temper. In a popular book, there is the following:

"At the centre of Conservative thinking is the ideal of unity, and that the impulse of Conservative action is to promote unity in every sphere of the national life, extending it steadily and naturally until it includes the entire commonwealth of free people which we call the British Empire. This spirit of unity it is believed can strengthen and develop all those minor and sectional loyalties which play so useful a part in the social life of the nation. Conservatism declares its faith in an ideal which is comprehensible to the simplest intelligence. It is an ideal of a united people consciously, deliberately, and peacefully extending its power in the world, extending that power in the region of trade, in the region of science, in the region of art, and in the region of character; seeking to impress upon the civilization of mankind the stamp of its historic genius for good work, good humour, good sense and good nature. Conservatism pursues this ideal on the highroad of history. It refuses to take short cuts to millenium. It is of all the schools of political thought the most practical. It has no liking for pedants; it is contemptuous of cranks; and it will have no truck with political emotionalists. It believes that the road to the future is clearly marked, and that it is no smooth and pleasant road, but intentionally and usefully a road full of hardship and difficulty; not a track for sheep, but a road that calls out of a man all that is best and strongest in human nature."

This may be a bit idealistic, but in the broad sense it represents the truth, and in so far as the Conservative party has departed from the essence of the foregoing, or some other form of expressing it which may interpret the same truth, it went wrong. We must learn anew the lesson of co-operation, and the power of united effort in things that matter. This will take time.