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service. The desire to serve, and the desire to help better social conditions, is something which was inspired in my home. I think I can honestly say that this desire lies deeper in my nature than anything else. May I add that I believe it to be the motive which lies deepest in the natures of all who seek to play a disinterested part in public affairs.

Sir William Mulock

There is another name I wish to mention - it is that of Sir William Mulock. There have been many friendships between men in public life in this country, but I doubt if there has been any personal and political friendship which has been closer, which has meant more than the friendship which I have been privileged to enjoy with Sir William Mulock for fifty years. We are all sorry Sir William is not with us tonight. He expected to be here. Having been slightly indisposed during the last few days, it seemed the part of discretion for him, at his ninety-five years, not to attempt to be present tonight. In Sir William's absence, I should like to say what I had wished to say in his presence. I can never be too grateful to him for the opportunity that he, too, afforded me in public life.

I need not remind you that it was Sir William Mulock who, as long ago as 1900, invited me to become the deputy minister of the Department of Labour. My thoughts go back to those years, when talking over social