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that are strange to see in this world, but one thing you will never see at the time of a general election, and that is two Conservative parties, or two wings of the one party. Somehow or another, those who seek to maintain the strongholds of privilege always manage to get together under the one banner once privilege at any point is attacked. This, unfortunately, is not equally the case with those who are fighting the cause of freedom or a larger liberty. They are apt to run off into camps of their own, either through excessive zeal for the particular field of activity with which their lives are more immediately concerned, or through a feeling that the rest are slow, and that it is necessary for them to get a little ahead of the procession. In this way we come to see the growth of third and fourth parties, Progressive parties so-called, Labour parties, and Independent parties, all of them akin to Liberalism in that they seek for their adherents a larger measure of freedom, but all differing from Conservatism not only in their respective tenets but also in that they have not learned as Tories have, the wisdom of combining on the things that they hold in common rather than over-emphasizing the lesser things which account for the divisions between them.

So strong do I believe is the Liberal feeling

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