

I appeal for a wider devotion to public service and for the raising of standards by personal participation. Universities constitute a training ground for public service. Almost one-half of the Members of Parliament are university graduates. It has been estimated that there are some 10,000 in the civil service, more than 300 in the External Affairs Department.

Freedom cannot be preserved nationally unless young men and women are prepared to give a greater degree of public service than ever before. Leadership is necessary. Only recently a Canadian university leader has become Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Public life today offers boundless opportunities for service, for it is in this field that the concepts of social studies and the advances of science are translated into actuality for the benefit of the people.

Opportunities for service in public life have increased in proportion to the needs of the age in which we live. My hope is that young men and women with a passion for, and devotion to, the public welfare will in large measure make themselves available to the building of that future which Arnold Toynbee has summarized as a field in which men and women "will not accept the inevitability of the present but will as adventurers help to form it".

I look to that day when one or more Canadian university will give consideration to the establishment of a Chair of Politics (and while there are many political science courses there is none of the type that I have in mind), which will provide postgraduate courses in practical politics to men and women who desire to enter Parliament or the Legislatures, or the Civil Service.

In conclusion, may I say that I envy your entry into the affairs of the world now. I should like to be in your place. This may not be the most comfortable moment in history - in some ways, it is full of darkness and menace - yet it is a thrilling time. You are standing on the threshold of a new era, a new era of boundless scientific development in which man will rise to greater heights, or fall.

Each of you, I am sure, will do your best for yourselves and your country. I should not be surprised if one of you penetrates the outer spaces. This is truly a time for reaching for the moon, and the moon seems to be within grasp. "Per Ardua ad Astra" may be for every one of you.

Yet, in the grim struggle for material success both for yourselves and for the nation, spiritual concepts must be maintained.