

were equal to the land. Those great have walked among us who wrought some monumental works in their time. There were Newfoundlanders who were indeed giants in their day and generation. And they have bequeathed to us many things of which we may well be proud — a tradition of great endeavour to make the most come of the land's meagreness; a native culture which the philistine may dismiss as a 'fish-and-brewis' culture, but which is of considerable consequence and meaning to us; and a structure, and a way of life, Christian to the core. Because our fathers were what they were, we are still secure in this island in the realms of the mind and spirit. We are still convinced that two and two make four. We are still certain that there is but one God. In this island we still live in the presence of eternal laws and great truths that are true unto eternity. We have certain institutions that we revere; certain principles that we would live by. We have tested them and have found them good — as have all men who have tested them. We are jealous of their presence amongst us and we will not have them altered or removed. And, may I say in passing, that it has been a cause of much concern to me to learn that because I have laid much emphasis upon the economic in this Convention, that I have been misunderstood or misconstrued to mean that the economic is all that matters. It is rather amazing how intently some people listen on the bias. I am quite aware that there are values that are prior to economic values. I do believe, as do all men of reason, that not by bread alone doth man live. But I do believe also that the bread is nevertheless important.

It is ours, who are of this day and generation, to be caught up in all the turmoil coincident to one of those historic crises that sees the great body of mankind lift itself a cubit closer to the stars, or turn aside from the larger sanity to which the moment beckons. This is a time that tries men's souls, and tests their manhood with many strange new challenges that we in this island must meet, as must all the peoples of the earth. It is a moment of high destiny without equal since the world began. Of all the challenges that must be met, the greatest is this. This is the challenge that contains all the others. It is the challenge to achieve a synthesis of civil liberty and economic security that will be acceptable to the civilised, western, Christian conscience. If such a synthesis

cannot be achieved, the civilisation we know is doomed. If it can be achieved, then shall we come into the inheritance of that stable social order of which the men of our race have always dreamed.

Here in this island we have our own small part to play in the meeting of that challenge, and on that account more than any other, am I anxious for the advent of a national university. Because I hope that from such an institution there will come forth a new economic leadership that will achieve for our people a greater measure of security than has been their historic measure. Because I hope that from such an institution there will come forth too a new political leadership that will restore our faith in our own ability to conduct ourselves in politics and in government with honour and with dignity. Finally, because I believe that from a national university there will come forth a greater company of scholarship than we could otherwise come by — a company who will deal competently with this greatest challenge of our times, and yet contribute the full measure of its scholarship to the preservation of that Christian culture and way of life that are ours. For there are things in this island, Mr. Chairman, that do deserve to endure — things that are part and parcel of the good, the true, and the beautiful. And their value is beyond all time.

Mr. VardyThe Convention will remember that in the debate on the report of the Education Committee, I covered the ground thoroughly in connection with the further extension of the Memorial University College, and I think Mr. Ashbourne gave his support to my remarks. There is no need to repeat what I said. The whole country is in full accord with the project. I think one of the darkest spots in the history of Newfoundland has been our dire lack of education, and the fact that so many of our youth who could afford to go elsewhere to complete their education never returned to their homes....

Only recently we heard of the Blackmore Memorial Library being opened at Clarendville in honour of a gallant young airman who gave his life in World War Two. I think that the best memorial that we can give to the dead is to improve the conditions of the living.

Mr. JobThere is only one thing I want to refer to and that is the financial aspect. The introducer, I think, indicated it would cost \$20,000. But it is in connection with that I do