

"With reliance upon God and with the interests of our State at heart, may we now proceed in united activity, to effect worthy accomplishments for Maryland."

That was my purpose and determination then. It is now. Furthermore, with the experience derived from this year's work I feel even more certain that these objectives can be attained. While I freely recognize and admit my limitations, that should be only a further incentive to strive harder to reach the goal. With your help and cooperation, success can unquestionably be attained for the betterment of the State of Maryland.

ADDRESS BEFORE INDIANAPOLIS CLUBS

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ONE may count himself as fortunate to be within the confines of the great State of Indiana and to assemble with the citizens of this great Commonwealth. It is no exaggeration to say that the sons and daughters of Indiana have ever been an inspiration in patriotism, leading citizenship and in National and State pride. Just as Indiana is a State of extensive resources of agriculture and industry, so Indianapolis is to its visitors a city of exceptional beauty and striking vitality. When I observe, as I have, the excellence of your railroad service, centering in a commodious and well-arranged Union Depot; when one sees your attractive road bus terminal, the largest in the Country, I am told; when I think of your World War Memorial Plaza, conceived and executed on such a magnificent scale, it is not difficult to realize the vision, the resourcefulness and the perseverance which have gone into the development of this great City and of the State of which it is the capitol.

Your State Capitol is, indeed, a worthy one for any State, or, indeed, for any nation. It is interesting in its modern treatment to a visitor from Maryland as is our own State Capitol in Annapolis, the major part of which was constructed before the Revolutionary War, to visitors from your own section. All of which leads to the consoling thought that after all one of the things that makes our great Nation the leader in the family of nations today is its ability to assimilate the old and the new and to keep both in harness side by side, functioning smoothly for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

So, tonight, I consider it a privilege to be among you and I am happy to bring you greetings from the people of a State whose origin may have been older by almost two centuries than those of the middle and far West, but whose feeling and whose loyalty for the Nation we jointly claim is as young and as vital as is yours here in this great Commonwealth.

Tonight, throughout the Country the Democratic Party celebrates its existence. Nothing is more heart-stirring than to refer to our parentage and to our date of birth. We may justly be proud to point to the fact that we were born with the election of Thomas Jefferson in 1800; that we came to full manhood with the presidency of Andrew Jackson 28 years later.

We gather tonight, simultaneously with other assemblages of loyal men all over the Nation, to pay our tribute to Andrew Jackson the co-founder of