

I have been asked to reply to the toast - Our State - I appreciate the compliment, but naturally shrink from so laborious a task, I use the word advisedly, for what one, even, of her statesman-like sons, and she has many in this generation, could do justice to a subject, so exalted. Gentlemen, I know of no better way of replying to the noble sentiment ^{expressed} by the words "Our State" than by declaring that her sons have ever been loyal and virtuous, her statesmen incorruptible and fearless, and that the ^{history} narrative of her gentle ways of peace and glorious acts of war is destined to be sung in states, yet unknown, in accents, yet unborn.

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