

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
FREEDOM  
AND  
RESPONSIBILITY  
IN THE EVOLUTION  
OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

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TO  
THE MEMORY OF  
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FOUNDER OF THE YALE LECTURES ON THE  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP  
WHO HIMSELF ACCEPTED THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES  
IN THE FULLEST MEASURE  
AND WHO  
BY HIS CHARACTER AND HIS EXAMPLE  
INSPIRED OTHERS TO  
DO LIKEWISE



## PREFACE

FOR the successful conduct of a nation's affairs, we must have a certain degree of conformity between its political institutions and the moral character of its members. There is one set of virtues which fits men to be subjects of a monarchy; there is another very different set which is requisite for the citizens of a free commonwealth.

We find a tendency among many people at the present day to claim the political rights of free citizens without accepting the moral obligations which go with them. But the attempt to assume the privileges of freedom and disclaim its responsibilities is fatal to the nation which tolerates it; and theories of law or schemes of social reform which ignore this ethical basis of democracy are likely to prove suicidal.

It is the object of this book to show what this ethical basis of democracy is, how it has arisen, and what happens if we try to ignore it.



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