

tion which has lain prostrate on its back for four years and you are attempting by these legislative measures to force down its throat things that it cannot digest without destroying it.

Is there any man in this room who, if his wife had been desperately ill of pneumonia and was just getting well, had just thrown off a temperature and just begun to regain her strength, would come to that wife and tell her all of the misdeeds of the children during the period of her illness? Is there any man in this room who, with his wife in that condition, would say to her, "You have got to prepare yourself to face this and that and the other burden just as soon as you are able to stand on your feet"? After all isn't it a mistaken way to approach the result toward which a nation is striving and on which a nation is unanimous in its opinion as to the need?

I referred to the fact that the Congress of the United States has begun to reassert itself. Without any undue credit to the work that the Liberty League has done may I suggest that the efforts of the limited number of men and the limited number of organizations that have been willing to stand up and be counted in this period where crimination and recrimination have been so freely bandied back and forth, are responsible largely for giving Congress the courage to recognize the functions for which it was created and for which it stands. And may I impress upon you, members of the Liberty League Club of New York, that if each one of you will constitute himself into a committee to help us gather membership you will add mightily to the influence that we can exert with the Congress of the United States towards the preservation of the form of government in which we believe and towards the re-institution and the upholding of constitutional principles in America.



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