

we should be called upon to serve our Queen at home or abroad, and to keep what we hold.

We have had in the past to make many sacrifices for good-will between our Mother Country and the United States. British statesmen, like Lord Ashburton, in the past, have made you free gifts of some of the most necessary portions of our territory. We are quite sure, under present conditions, this can never be repeated, but we Canadians desire, while maintaining our own rights and doing our best for the development of our country, to be not only good neighbors, but the means, so far as possible, of fostering the best of feeling between England and the Republic.

If your people would give us more of your good-will, and if there were more of the fraternal object lessons which have been exhibited between Vermont and Quebec; if, as one of your Vermont regiments came to Canada last year to join us in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, the old Union Jack and the young Stars and Stripes could often wave together here in some common national sentiment, we would both think less of the things about which we differ, and more of the things about which we agree.

I feel that I have, perhaps, occupied too much time discussing our position as Canadians, because while we are deeply devoted to our own Dominion, we feel the pride as well as the responsibility of being one of the outposts of the British Empire. The expansion of the Empire has been marvellous in the sixty years' reign of our Queen, but the old colonial policy of a century ago has long ago disappeared, and the Fathers of your Revolution, who were then British subjects like ourselves, gave the obtuse and dull-witted England of the time a salutary lesson which she never forgot. I will not be so hypocritical as to say I believe that the American Revolution was "providential," but whatever we may think about it, you cannot escape the fact that you are bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh, and that Old England was as much the mother of the Republic as of Canada; that you were as legitimately an offshoot of the colonial expansion of England as the people of Australia—of the same stock and pedigree. What about the squabbles of the past? Are we forever to cherish animosities with which this generation had nothing to do? Are there not vastly more important duties and obligations for us to fulfil in the present, the one for the other, and both for each other? The world has been out of joint for many years; the English-speaking people are reaping the result of their commercial success, in the jealousies and threatened anti-commercial combinations of European powers, and it would seem as if a providence, moving in a mysterious way, was shaping some sort of a future alliance between the British Empire and the United States that would secure to both the commercial and political solidity they have deserved, and obtain perhaps for the whole world a permanent peace.