

THE UNION OF TWO GREAT PEOPLES.

THE BEST BY-PRODUCT OF WAR.

But, after these general reflections on the nature of this great conflict, I think it will be proper to speak in this place of sacred historic associations of one great by-product of the war—the best of it—I mean the closer coming together of the two great English-speaking parts of the world. (Loud cheers.) No American can come to Plymouth without thinking of the going of the English from these shores to the new land where they set up a new freedom and laid the foundations of the most prosperous and hopeful community on the earth.

In the course of time these new communities fell apart from political allegiance to the old land, but they fell apart only in political allegiance. If we had need to discuss this political divergence I should then maintain that that political separation was just as well for you as it was necessary for us—that by reason of it human freedom has been further advanced and a new chapter in free men's growth opened throughout the English-speaking world. (Cheers.)

The American Revolution was a civil war fought on each side by men of the same race. And this civil war was fought in the colonial assemblies and in your Parliament as well as on the battlefields in America, and it was won in the colonial assemblies and in your Parliament as well as on the battlefields of America, for from that day on you have regarded colonies as free and equal communities to the mother country, and you have had the happiness to see them giving of their best for their help. (Cheers.)

Now this civil war naturally left a trail of distrust, the greater because of the long distance between us by sail. But when the first steamship came over the ocean, and still more when the cable bound us together, a new union began to come about, because these eliminations of distance set the tide of feeling in the natural course laid out by kinship and common aims.