

on war, two great notions applied in their international dealings the principles of reason, of mutual forbearance, fair dealing, and consideration, that prevail in the settlement of disputes between fair men, a course of action so apparently dictated alike by interest and by the highest Christian motive, that it is unthinkable that it shall not soon be the world belief and practice, the Zeitgeist, the spirit of the civilization of the day."

GREAT BRITAIN

The Secretary of the British Peace Centenary Committee wrote under date August 12th as follows:—

"The war lays upon us an urgent duty to go forward with our Celebration preparations. The world needs more than ever the message and example which it will give. There will be many things to discourage lovers of peace in the next few months. All the more needful, then, to give forth our record with courage. The celebration may be of untold political and moral value if it enables Great Britain and the United States to draw closer together in promoting a general settlement, which may be a real settlement, and hear within it the hope of democratic progress and international peace. We have been given a providential opportunity in this direction, of which we ought all to strive to make the very utmost use. Canada can help us to save the Centenary Celebration from shipwreck, and make it a message of courage and cheer which shall ring throughout the world."

CANADA

The position taken by the Canadian Peace Centenary Association is set forth in the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee on August 19, 1914:—

"That the Association desires to record its opinion that, notwithstanding the present war, there should be an appropriate celebration commemorative of the Hundred Years of Peace between the British Empire and the United States. The Association recognizes, however, that having regard for the very serious nature of events arising out of the war, it would be inexpedient to attempt, at present, definite arrangements as to time and place for a celebration of an international character. With this exception it is decided that the Association proceed with its educational and other work as far as may be possible."

At this meeting the following letters from the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister, and the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Leader of the Opposition, were read:—

From Sir Robert Borden

Dear Sir Edmond Walker,—

I have to thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association, which is to take place on the 19th inst. Unfortunately the urgency of public business renders it impossible for me to accept.

I cannot, however, allow the occasion to pass without repeating what I more than once have said in my place in Parliament. The