

"As we approach the consummation of a century of peace, which I trust will be worthily commemorated, we are profoundly thankful that the relations between our countries are of the most happy and cordial character.

"Neither nation ever won a nobler victory than that which is embodied in that century triumph of friendship and good will over every temporary difficulty and discord.

"United by the ties of kinship, possessing like institutions and a common language and literature, inheriting like liberties, duties and responsibilities, each nation owes not only to the other but to itself, for the cause of civilization and humanity, the solemn duty and obligation of preserving and keeping constant that tradition of friendship and peace in the centuries to come".

H. I. M. THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY—

"I am desired to acknowledge receipt of the Christmas greetings which the Committee for the celebration of the centenary of peace kindly addressed to the Emperor, and to express to you His Majesty's thanks for this courtesy".

THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE—

"I beg to convey to you the sincere thanks of the President of the French Republic for your friendly message and to say that he heartily joins you in wishing that peace may be firmly and honorably maintained among nations".

H. I. M. THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA—

"I most heartily thank the National Peace Committee in New York for their kindly greeting which I have received with genuine satisfaction and with the assurance that I follow with keen interest the Committee's efforts, which are dedicated to an eminently humane idea".

H. M. THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND—

"Her Majesty thanks the committee for kind greetings and sends good will and approval".

H. M. THE KING OF SPAIN—

"I am sincerely grateful for the kind message and congratulations, which I highly appreciate. I heartily reciprocate these friendly feelings and desire nothing more than the complete success of all these labours of peace and harmony".

H. M. THE KING OF NORWAY—

"I thank the Committee for kind Christmas greetings and express good wishes".