

Sir Edmund Walker, LL.D., C.V.O., Chairman of the Board of Governors, spoke as follows:

"Early in 1912 certain Americans, who deeply cherished the friendly relations existing between the United States and the British Empire, felt that we should not allow the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent to pass by as if it were an event not worthy of commemoration. A Committee was, therefore, formed which, while nominally a committee of citizens, has always had the President of the United States and some ex-Presidents among its members, and at its suggestion were named the British Committee, with Lord Grey as the Chairman, and the Canadian Peace Centenary Association, of which I have the honour to be Chairman.

"After much preliminary work by correspondence the three Committees met in New York in May, 1913, and later in Boston, Washington, Philadelphia and other cities, and arrangements were made with a view to many most interesting functions in celebration of the peace. It was also planned to erect monuments of a national character in London, Washington and Ottawa and others in