

States on the other hand, touches directly both the interest and the imagination of every land to which Great Britain's sons have gone, as well as those of every nation from which the present day population of the United States has been drawn. Such a celebration will not only mark the close of a century of exceptional significance and importance, but it will call attention to an example and an ideal that we earnestly hope may be followed and pursued in the years to come. What nations have done nations can do.

"We respectfully request that his Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary of State of the United States transmit this invitation, through the proper official channels, to the governments of the world, to the end that both by the participation of governments and by the co-operation of men of good will in every land, this celebration may be so carried out as to mark not merely the close of one hundred years of peace between English speaking peoples, but the opening of what we sincerely trust will be a fresh era of peace and goodwill between all the nations of the world."

In pursuance of this Manifesto, the New York World, at the instance of the American Peace Centenary Committee, sent a 1913 Christmas message from the Committee, referring to the coming celebration of the hundred years of peace, to the heads of the Governments of the world. The message closed with an expression of hope "that this century of peace may be an example to all the nations of the earth".

Numerous replies were received, from which the following extracts are taken:—

H. M. THE KING—

"I am commanded by the King to thank the members of the Committee for their telegram conveying kind Christmas greetings, and to say that His Majesty reciprocates their expressions of good will".

H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT—

"Cordially thank you for your Christmas greeting and heartily reciprocate your good wishes".

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE R. L. BORDEN—

"On my return to Ottawa to-day I received with greatest pleasure and appreciation your message on behalf of the American committee charged with preparations for the celebration of one hundred years of peace.

"My colleagues and I, on behalf of the people of Canada, send our warmest thanks and Christmas greetings.