

the world. A natural result of this is that history has to relate chiefly the annals of war and battle and the endeavours of nations to advance themselves at the expense of other nations rather than by their aid.

A great change is, however, now taking place in the course of this development of the world, and I firmly believe that the present war is the termination of the earlier progress along lines chiefly national, and that it marks the culmination and end of the endeavours that have existed for thousands of years to localise culture and knowledge, or to confine them to any one language or any one race. If the war accomplishes this, as I believe it will, no matter what its cost it will have justified itself to the world.

This fundamental change of progress from lines merely national to lines universal, a change which marks a great turning point in the history of mankind, has only been made possible within the last century by the advances in methods of communication and transportation. The world to-day is for all practical purposes smaller than were most countries two hundred years ago, and it has much greater unity than many of the great empires of history. This unity is sure to increase steadily with the increase of knowledge and the wideness of its dissemination, and the