

that we should treat other nations as neighbours and not as strangers. The prejudice that so often keeps us at a distance is usually based on lack of knowledge. Ignorance is slavery to prejudice, fear, ^{and} ~~to~~ superstition. Truth is freedom, ~~I~~ it is also, I believe, the best solvent for many of our national misunderstandings. [In these days, when mechanical invention has so powerfully increased the influence of newspapers and other agencies which create public opinion; when the radio gives a statesman the world for his auditorium; when the President of the United States is heard in London and the Prime Minister of Great Britain in Washington, it can readily be seen that a new obligation exists to guard carefully our words lest they lead to deception and recrimination. Our universities, more than any other secular institution, have the power and the responsibility to teach the truth and declare it. This indeed, is their highest function.) In his preface to his "Spirit of Laws" Montesquieu says: "The most happy of mortals should I think myself could I contribute to make mankind recover from their prejudices." The duty of removing those prejudices which come from ignorance falls especially on our universities.

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