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the result of agitation by people who have not that regard for the maintenance of good feeling in this country, but who for the purpose of creating a condition, have, inadvisedly, they believe, attempted to create a feeling of antagonism to them. They cannot believe that the sober, self-respecting, honourable man who has been brought up with the glorious privileges and benefits which the educational system of a country such as this gives, of the splendid advantages of the teachings of religion and of principles of honour and truth, that those who have had the beneficent influences of the higher civilization for eighteen hundred years, could wantonly and without provocation, for the exclusive purpose of venting an unholy passion, attack a defenceless and law-abiding people. The teachings of history all tell us that the decadence of a people begins when and so soon as they provoke within their midst a feeling of racial hatred. There is nothing that saps the integrity of a nation, that destroys the beauty and the perfection of civilization such as the persecution of a people because they hold different religious tenets, or because they are sprung from a different race. Because He was born of a different race, He suffered death that all men might live, and if there is any virtue in this great civilization of the western world due to the teachings of the Christian religion, these virtues make for what is known as the brotherhood of man, no matter what race or from what class he may spring. True, we have instances in which warfare plays her part, of where race struggles against race for dominance, but never has it been known where races and peoples are allies and friends and serving each other in the great purpose of the world, that one attempts the growth and development of a feeling of racial hatred.

‘The people of Japan, before western civilization had touched her borders, had their own peculiar civilization of a very high order among the eastern nations of the world, but through the pledges of an Anglo-Saxon people, the British people and the American peoples, they opened their doors that the American and the British subject could come in amongst them, and could teach them this new civilization, this higher life which we boasted we had, and the result was that the Japanese people cast aside their old civilization and began to take upon themselves the civilization of the western world. Millions of money have been subscribed by the British people and by the American people for the purpose, and the exclusive purpose, of sending to the shores of Japan, missionaries of every denomination, church and sect, known to the Christian religion, and it is to the religious teachings of the Christian faith amongst the Japanese people, and the introduction of the arts and sciences of the western world, and the beneficent influences of commerce and contact with the citizen of the United States and Great Britain, that the Japanese have developed within fifty years to be one of the first powers of the earth. And I say it speaks well for western civilization, it speaks well for the British Empire and the American people, that they found a people like the Japanese who were capable of taking upon themselves the responsibilities which we of this western world practically forced upon their attention. And from instances within our own recollection, the Japanese have shown not only in the arts of peace, in the capacity of their men’s