

to invite indefinite expansion, with the deliberate purpose of including all nations in a league of universal peace. These are methods and forms all now to be seen in actual existence and operation, and all confirming the positive and unquestionable tradition which ascribes their origin to one master mind, endowed with transcendent genius, forethought, and benevolence. Yet it is clear that the beneficent genius of Hiawatha would have been unavailing if it had not been seconded by the remarkable intellectual and moral qualities of his people—a people whose achievements, institutions, and language show them to have been, in natural capacity and the higher elements of character, not inferior to any race of men of whom history preserves a record.