

the present terrible war, says :—"As the war rages on and we find ourselves pinched by it, we can and do thank God for good neighbors. The most wonderful thing in North American life is the fact that for four or five thousand miles our frontier is Canada's frontier, and not only is there no fort upon it, but there is no place where anyone in either nation wants a fort. They are people one is glad to have next door, the Canadians." A Canadian editor²¹ in commenting upon this last article, says :—"That assertion (the one about the four thousand miles of frontier with neither a gun-boat or a fort) always makes us sit up and look friendly at the Star Spangled Banner—and long may it wave."

These two countries have grown to be great friends. In each is a certain flag-waving element, but in each a vast majority which believes that the flag does not need to be shaken, that it stands for too much, and that all attempts to compel respect by flaunting it are sure to cause bad feeling. It is hard to understand the tempers of men who use their flag boastfully.

The last century was filled with difficult problems which had to be settled. It started wrong and unfortunately these two countries were not particularly anxious to meet each other's views and discuss differences in an amicable manner. A national and united spirit in each country was really necessary before much in the form of a permanent international good feeling could be developed. If there are those superior beings who feel that the century should have run its course without differences, without petty quarrels and without occasional infringements of each other's rights, it might be well to call their attention to a metaphor Dr. Dunning uses in his book, which runs as follows :—"Despite repeated and notorious demonstrations of their error, idealists will doubtless continue in the future to maintain as in the past that an omelette can be made without breaking any eggs."

As the years go by may we all strive to maintain that harmony which exists at the present time, and may those who follow us have no cause for not celebrating all peace anniversaries.

²¹Toronto Saturday Night, October 24, 1914.