

sound. A perfected world-civilisation ought to aim at giving no selfish advantages to any one people; this is the root of world democracy, just as national democracy aims at the destruction of selfish privilege within the nation.

The uncivilised and selfish desire to seek special advantages by one nation over other nations, a narrow and egotistic nationalism, is the fundamental cause of all wars, and the custom house is the instrument by which this selfishness is most frequently carried out.

Incidentally, I might mention that from a philosophical standpoint the most evil of all tariffs is the preferential tariff, which seeks not only to create unnatural economic conditions between those within the nation and those without, but further seeks to destroy any fair equality of opportunity for those outside of the nation. This is true in spite of the sentimental and even altruistic arguments which have often been used to justify a preference and to make it appear as a noble and unselfish action of devotion.

The world still has far to go to reach a real civilisation, but the nearer it can come to it the more impossible will war become, and the greater will be the happiness of mankind. Let us imagine what would exist in a completely civilised world. Democracy would be universal, and with it would be universal education. Every people would be