

that the time has come when international rivalries and differences, though numerous and severe, may be settled without the carnage and the horrors of war. Although it be unreasonable to disregard the possibility of conflict arising in the future out of mutual or partial misunderstanding, yet we gratefully recognize that the chances of misunderstanding have been largely eliminated by the degree in which modern science has facilitated intercourse and accelerated communication. We are, therefore, encouraged to hope that the development of letters, science and the arts, of commerce, industry and finance, of mutual knowledge, trust and good feeling on the part of those who owe different allegiances and who speak different tongues, may profitably absorb the energy of mankind, as well as offer opportunity for the display of the noblest and finest traits of mind and of character.

#### **An Example and an Ideal**

"Great Britain has been a colonizing nation, and the United States has drawn to its population various and powerful elements from different countries and from different flags. Therefore, a century of peace between Great Britain and her Dominions beyond the seas on the one hand, and the United States on the other hand, touches directly both the interest and the imagination of every land to which Great Britain's sons have gone, as well as those of every nation from which the present day population of the United States has been drawn. Such celebration will not only mark the close of a century of exceptional significance and importance, but it will call to an example and an ideal that we earnestly hope may be followed and pursued in the years to come. What nations have done nations can do.

"We respectfully request that His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of State of the United States transmit this invitation, through the proper official channels, to the governments of the world, in order that both by the participation of governments and by the co-operation of men of goodwill in every land, this celebration may be so carried out as to mark not merely the close of One Hundred Years of Peace between English speaking peoples,