

Spanish rule? The national conditions and resources at present realized in the United States would not have been in existence. So far from being due to the triumph of Columbus and of Spain, they signalize the defeat of both. The degree of civilization at present existing in Central and Southern America is due, almost entirely, to the same progressive forces working indirectly through the medium of the United States and other advanced powers, not to any virtue of their mother country. It is through the northern route across the Atlantic that the North American continent has received the means and the power to show such evidences of culture and civilization as will be set forth at Chicago in 1893, and their collection and exhibition may well serve as a fitting reminder, to all mankind, that Spain, at all events, did not either find or found the nation.