

from the meridian of Greenwich eastward and westward to that other meridian, that mystic line in the Pacific where today vanishes and yesterday clasps tomorrow — ay, on our own continent, from your gate of sunrise at Sydney to our Golden Gate of sunset at San Francisco — is united, in mind, in heart, in will, to carry through, with the other champions of civilization, the grandest, if the grimmest task that a righteous God ever entrusted to a willing instrument.

"Mr. Davidson: To you, as the representative of the government of Canada, I, as representing Colonel Richard Cutts Shannon of the State of New York, now make over this simple, but beautiful and significant memorial, to be preserved as an ornament of these historic grounds.

"The traveller in Constantinople sees in one of its parks, the ancient Hippodrome, a small brazen memorial, which was placed there by Constantine fifteen centuries ago. It had already stood nine hundred years at Delphi, where it had been set up by the Greeks to commemorate their victory at Plataea over the Persians, the first triumph of the west over the east. How long the memorial before us may endure, no man can tell; but we wish for it an even longer date. May it remain here in this Happy Valley until its bronze and its granite shall be resolved into their original elements. But, so long as it endures, may it remind men of a noble and successful career; of a family that has honorably maintained its ancestral traditions; of a race whose family quarrels proved at the greatest crisis of the world's history to have been only family quarrels; and if I, as an American, standing in the presence of Canadian valor, may venture to translate hope into prophecy, may it remind men that while the sons of that race were fighting on foreign soil in defence of world-wide freedom, neither their motherland nor the enemy could ever tell them apart. Lastly, may this memorial be spoken of throughout the ages as the first that was consciously dedicated