

In the affairs of nations, as in the lives of men, one example, one achievement in the realm of the actual, is worth a multitude of hopes and prophecies respecting the possible and the ideal, and it is the supreme distinction of this continent that despite all else there may be an unfulfilled hope and aspiration, this one thing is an accomplished fact, the joint heritage of the American and British peoples on this continent of North America. An unprotected international frontier of 4,000 miles and a century of peace!—no monument of human ingenuity could devise or the skill of man erect can equal this spectacle of which Time and Space are the silent witnesses, and which is the most eloquent expression yet found of the genius of the peoples whose prudence ^{whose} forbearance and whose wisdom have accomplished this result, and made of it an international possession.

Pasteur has revealed to us a law of blood and death, wrestling against a law of peace and of health in our individual lives, his observations have disclosed ~~some~~ a similar law in the lives of Nations; ^{an} ~~one~~ illustration of the great truth that unity pervades all life. It is for us who believe in human progress, who have ceased to believe in Chance, and look to the recognition of law for guidance in the direction of human affairs, to say on which side we stand. Whether it is conquest we seek, or the relief of humanity Whether we will further in our aims new means of destruction, or seek ^{the} ~~to~~ further deliverance of man from the scourges which beset him.

This celebration of 100 years of peace affords an opportunity for a continent to place its ~~as~~ itself on record before the world, and if the peoples, whose privilege it is to share in this mighty project will but rise to the high level of this sublime occasion,