

that it is being written because I had expressed a desire that it should, I will be confirmed in this belief, although it is quite possible that the President may have had quite a different motive in making the remark, and that by it he may have intended to imply that I was desirous of having Sir Wilfrid know that I had delivered the message from him in accordance with his wishes.

In concluding the President said: "Then you see Earl Grey I wish you would convey to him my best greetings and say that I remember his words when last here, that he hoped through the future the English-speaking peoples of the British Empire and the United States would be drawn into closer relations, and that the time would come when there would be such an understanding between these peoples that the peace of the world would be thereby greatly furthered. I wish you would say to Earl Grey that I think in your visit here we have made a beginning, and that your mission to England will greatly further the accomplishment of this ideal, which I cherish in common with him." I thanked the President for this message and withdrew.