

The presence of the French Consul General and of our American guests, suggests to me the thought that in the recent establishment of more friendly relations between our Mother Country and the two greatest of the world's republics, there may be found a most potent guarantee for the future peace of the world.

If France, the United States, and Great Britain were to devote a small proportion of the ingenuity now displayed in the invention and perfection of the enginery of death and devastation to the discovery and development of processes for the settlement of international disputes by pacific means, then indeed one might anticipate the millenium.

Is such a prospect—rendered more than ever inviting since the World's Congress' of lawyers due to the American Bar Association—absolutely visionary?

Cannot we, as lawyers, American, French, English and Canadian, diffuse throughout our respective peoples, the desire and the resolution to deal with international difficulties as we now deal with individual differences, and submit them to the judgment of trained Jurists rather than have them depend upon the issue of bloody war?

Gentlemen, I give you the toast of "Our Guests."