

national justice, such as could be formulated by the members of the Bar only, whose sense of fairness and deep experience and learning are peculiar to them, or should be, and who are really the statesmen of the age, as provided by the Constitution of the United States framed by lawyers.

To-day the members of civilized societies are hardly yet conscious of the power and authority of the Bar in the making of modern civilization, but the time of this recognition must come, and the sooner the better. The Bar of the world should resolve that its voice, its influence, its love of liberty, its conception of truth, and its sense of justice be made to serve in directing and settling the destiny of mankind. What intelligent mind can doubt that it is the Bar alone which is qualified to give real, impartial advice towards the construction and maintenance of the League of Nations, and that the integrity and independence of the Bar can assist in the dictation and administration of justice at the permanent International Court such as would be organized, were the League of Nations solidly instituted?

The Association would confer an immense benefit upon mankind, would establish common understanding, and extend the principles of democracy into the relations between the nations, regardless of race, language, religion, or other limitations of life, and speed the promotion of amity among nations in as great a degree as, indeed in a greater degree, than the League of Nations, so soon as the world came to realize the power of the Bar in the making of civilization. Is not the time now more than ripe for the nations of the world to move under the enlightened guidance of the Bar of the Common Law countries, to demonstrate that there exists that high standard of international justice which can and will secure the peace, progress and happiness of mankind?

We are most anxious that all the North American Bar Associations will join the International Bar Association. The Association supported with your prestige will stimulate the members of the Bars of other continents to follow in what I trust will be our common enterprise. The International Bar Association, thus expanded and strengthened, should