

independent tribunal. Why does that rule not apply to a nation? Of course, a national insult makes the blood boil; but does not also personal insult make the blood boil; and have we not learned to keep the blood from boiling? And why, as Christians, should we not learn to do the same thing when our national rights are being infringed upon?

Let me tell you, if the members of the American Bar were united upon this question, marvelous effects would ensue. There is no other body in this great Union so strong as the bar; there is no other body that feels its solidarity like the bar; there is no other body which can be made to move as one man like the bar—and if the members of the bar of these magnificent States were to be as one man in determining that hereafter there shall be no war, the effect would be marvelous. England is a unit for peace. I believe the American people are at heart a unit for peace. My friends, if these two great Nations were to say, “As between us there shall be no war and all troubles between us shall be determined by some judicial body,” the end of war would be very near. Two Nations with such glorious history, two Nations with their keen sense of justice and honor, two Nations like these which fear and need fear no foe, because there is no foe who dare face them—if these two Nations should say, “Hereafter, between us there shall be peace”, then what nation is there, however strong, however proud, which would decline to follow their example?

I ask no treaty, offensive and defensive, between this mighty Nation and that of which I form so insignificant a part. There is that which is stronger than a parchment bond; there is that which is more lasting than ink written by quill or gold or steel; and it is as certain as the path of the planets around the sun that two peoples like these, sprung from the same race, worshipping the same God, in the same forms, with the same language; two peoples who have had centuries of glorious history in common and who love each other and cannot help it, because blood is thicker than water—it is, I say, as certain as the path of the planets around the sun, that these two Nations will stand side by side, if necessary will fight side by side, for truth and justice and righteousness. There is here and there a man in your Nation, as here and there a man in mine, whose ideal is different—