

The following correspondence makes a natural preface to this address.

Boston, Nov. 22, 1888.

W. H. H. MURRAY—Dear Sir: Knowing that you have devoted many years to the study of the geography, resources and history of Canada, and have doubtless formed opinions touching the union of that country with ours, we, the undersigned, invite you to deliver an address to the citizens of Boston on the general subject of our international relations at your earliest convenience. If you can comply with our request we feel that you will make a valuable contribution to public thought, as well as give pleasure to the many who would be delighted to hear you.

Pending your decision, a committee have secured the refusal of Music Hall for the evening of Dec. 13, and we trust you may be able to accept that date for the address. We beg also to state that, while the committee will reserve a certain number of seats for invited guests, no fee will be charged for the opportunity of hearing you speak upon this theme, but that the auditorium will be free to all.—Oliver Ames, Alexander H. Rice, Eben D. Jordan, Henry D. Hyde, Albert A. Pope, H. M. Whitney, Irving A. Evans, Asa P. Potter, John C. Paige, John Shepard, W. S. Eaton, William Claffin, A. P. Martin, Thomas Mack, B. E. Dutton, Charles E. Powers, Arnold A. Rand, Walter M. Brackett, John M. Corse, Isaac T. Burr, Jacob Bates, John Boyle O'Reilly, George W. Armstrong.

PARKER HOUSE, Nov. 23, 1888.

Gentlemen: Your invitation to address the citizens of Boston in Music Hall, Dec. 13, evening, on the general subject of the union of Canada and the United States, is received. I beg to say in reply that I accept your cordially-worded invitation with pleasure, and you may announce that I will speak under your auspices on that date. My subject will be "Continental Unity."

Respectfully yours,

W. H. H. MURRAY.

In fulfillment of the above engagement, Mr. Murray delivered the following address: