

"of my policy to give some special attention to the Japanese. You know, Mr. Bryce, that in past messages to Congress, I have made special mention of Japan, and that I have tried to promote friendly relations with that country." Mr. Bryce replied that he knew this. The President also said: "You know, too, Mr. Bryce, that I have always hoped for a closer union and common understanding among the English-speaking peoples, that in dealing with foreign powers, wherever it has been a question as between the British Empire and other countries, and the parties were entitled to like consideration, I have inclined towards England, and shown my sympathy towards the British Empire. I know that in some things my policy has been misunderstood."

The President then told Mr. Bryce of the incident he had related to me on the night previous, of a conversation which one of his friends had had with Mr. Miyoki, in which, after a considerable amount of champagne, Mr. Miyoki, in reply to the question as to what Japan intended to do with Korea, had said that she would hold Korea as a possession, that when he was asked, "What about your statement that you do not intend to annex Korea?" he had replied, "Oh, that is only politics and policy." Then he was asked about Manchuria in the same way, and had also replied that notwithstanding the statement Japan had made, her intention was to hold Manchuria, and that any statement was simply politics or policy. The President said he was afraid the Japanese did not understand the truth in "the Occidental sense of the word;" that it was necessary to keep this in mind in dealings with them. He said, there is a difference in this regard between the English-speaking peoples and the Japanese. An Anglo-Saxon might come to do a thing which he had not originally intended, and he might be led to it through the force of circumstances, but he doubted very much if he would undertake a particular thing and openly avow that his motive was other than that which was professed. Mr. Bryce, who had some concrete instance to cite in connection