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Universities are the custodians of ideas and ideals which underlie international good-will. They express better than any other institutions our common loves and aspirations. Events may alter political shlagiance but tradition keeps us true to ideas and ideals. Of ideas and ideals which have inspired peoples of British origin, association, and descent, and which have been nurtured by the universities of the Old Land and the New, none has been so powerful in promoting good-will between men and nations as that of public service. To the service of Humanity we, as university men, are called and united in a fellowship more ancient and honourable and wider than any other affiliations can promote. By keeping that fellowship unbroken we may well be able to help restore and to keep unbroken the peace of the world.

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