

Happily in the affairs of men, there are movements which through their import to humanity transcend the differences of party and the detaching influences of nationality. Such a movement is the proposal to celebrate between the English-speaking peoples of the world a century of unbroken peace. To those who appreciate ~~this~~ ^{its} spirit aright, the camp of a political enemy becomes for such a purpose the sanctuary of his adversary, ~~for the time being~~, and foreign territory, common ground. It is an appreciation of this catholicity of aim and opportunity that I recognize in the invitation which as members of the Republican Club of New York, you have so kindly extended to one ^{who is} in no way identified with your politics or country; ^a catholicity of purpose ^{and opportunity} so wide that it permits the humblest to share with the most distinguished in furthering the highest end of our human existence, the promotion of peace on earth and good-will towards men.

I shall not, on this occasion, attempt aught in the way of personal contribution to a subject on which I recognize all present are better informed than myself. With your permission, however, I would like to apply the observations of a great scientist, who was also one of the greatest of human benefactors, to the opportunity of world service afforded the New World in the proposed celebration of 200 years of peace.

Among the greatest men of ^{modern} times, as he was the most illustrious, perhaps, among the members of his profession in his