

His Excellency Sr. Don MANUEL DE ZAMACONA É INCLÁN, the Ambassador of Mexico, then delivered the address of presentation:

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
As chairman of the special committee appointed by the Board of the Pan American Union, and in accordance with the resolutions passed at the Fourth Pan American Conference, held last year at Buenos Aires, it is my privilege, and I appreciate it very highly, to address a few words to this distinguished assembly on the presentation of a medal, which is a testimonial of gratitude from the American Republics to the great apostle of peace, Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Mr. CARNEGIE's efforts to promote the welfare of humanity are known throughout the world, yet I hope I may be permitted to refer briefly to some of the characteristics of this noble work.

The "peace fund" created by Mr. CARNEGIE, with unprecedented liberality, aims, as you are all aware, at the suppression of war and at the solution by rational means of all international difficulties. This endowment, with ample resources at its disposal, will undoubtedly facilitate the study, propaganda, and action that may be necessary in the furtherance of universal lawfulness. Repeating the words of a great statesman, universal lawfulness, that is to say, the respect of the rights of others, implies the attainment of universal peace and the realization of the biblical prophecy of happiness and prosperity, for the lion shall lie down with the lamb, the swords shall be beaten into plowshares and the spears into pruning hooks.

A "hero fund" has also been created by the same generous benefactor for the heroes that do not kill, for the heroes that respect human rights and human interests, for the true heroes that alleviate human suffering in the civil and peaceful walks of life. The "hero fund" tends to exalt altruism and self-sacrifice, without vainglory, and to condemn that secular error that even to our days persists in claiming that a hero should always be clothed in the garb of war, thus surrounding war, the greatest calamity that can afflict the human race, with a misleading halo of false prestige and glory.

Mr. CARNEGIE, not satisfied with these most liberal endowments, and with others that he has made and that are too numerous to mention in my speech, has also donated the building where we are now assembled, to serve as headquarters of the Pan American Union—the Peace Court Building in Central America, and the sumptuous Palace at the Hague, where war is being substituted, more and more every day, by the judicial procedure of international arbitration.

Long may these palatial structures stand as monuments to the memory of their generous donor, and may the doctrine of peace, for which they have been created, radiate from them for the happiness and welfare of mankind.

The cause of peace prospers most rapidly. An arbitration treaty has been signed at the City of Mexico and ratified by six Latin American Republics; in the United States peace and arbitration are the favorite topics of daily discussion and these are evident indications of the general aspirations for peace prevailing throughout the American continent.

It is only natural, therefore, that the Republics of America respond with gratitude to the generosity, and with enthusiasm to the high ideals of the great apostle of peace, Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE.

PAN AMERICAN GOLD MEDAL FOR ANDREW CARNEGIE. 843

By the unanimous vote of 21 nations, represented at the Fourth Pan American Conference held at Buenos Aires in 1910, this expression of sympathy and gratitude is conveyed in a medal which I have now the honor to present, on behalf of the American Republics, to *Andrew Carnegie, Benefactor of Humanity.*