Mr. H. G. Wells in a recent talk said that in the long tale of the ages great races of creatures "like the Dinosaurs, the Dinotheria, and so forth have lorded it over the earth, and passed." They passed because conditions changed and they were unable to adapt themselves to them in time.

Has man, Mr. Wells asks, any prospect of escaping a like fate? In Mr. Wells's view he has. Because of his brains. "He is able to think and forestall what is happening to him. He can learn and change himself, as no sort of animal has ever been able to do." And Wells defines the changes to which the human race must adapt itself as (1) the annihilation of distance brought about by modern methods of communication; (2) the enormous increase of material power, and (3) the way in which the unskilled work of "slaves" and drudges "can be and is being largely superseded by power-driven mechanism." He sees as the common denominator for resolving the problem of world peace, that "the governments of the world should surrender their sovereign right to practice economic and political aggression against one another." And he emphasises that "that is all they need surrender. Nothing more than the power of mutual destruction."

Indeed during recent years we have become convinced that it is not at all only the official wars that threaten the irreplaceable creations of human genius; not only war but insidious barbarism and savagery threaten, perhaps to a great extent, the best monuments of creativeness.

Not in the skins of cavemen, but in smoking jackets, sit these "gentlemen" who shamefully exclaim "To Hell with Culture!", unpunishable in their destructive arrogance and ignorance!

There is many a Haerodistatrus! We set down the name of an insane mechanic as a most shameful stigma, but not to burden the pages of history. Criminal savagery turns first of all against the most exalted and perfect creations. Ignorance attempts to disfigure the greatest—therein is the hideous seal of darkness.

Verily, the most penetrating universal measures are needed in order to renew the traditions of Culture. Let us hope from the depths of our hearts, that the World League of Culture will truly enlighten universally.
all the embittered, bewildered, obscured hearts, with a new and benevolent life.

A criminal hand will reach everywhere if the brain and the heart are intent upon criminality. But from the earliest years of childhood, it ought to be taught in the home and in the school, wherein lie the true universal and spiritual values. If we realize that Ancient China and Egypt revered creation more than we do, it will seem a very unfortunate realization.

Only recently we learned of the destroyed Goyas in Spain, and about the peril of a valuable library in Shanghai and of many other barbarisms. People say it is a national fury. But why does it strike the beautiful and not the ugly? Shame!

In the entire world the "Days of Culture" are being celebrated. This is well. Let them constitute a true homage to Light, Beauty and Knowledge, which will make the hands of barbarians fall before the creations of the Beautiful.

Should one speak of the significance of Knowledge, of Beauty? Is it not a truism? But reality in all its ugliness forces one indefatigably and continuously to implore the affirmation of cultural foundations. Instead of the repast of labour, in all its solemnity and constructiveness, there may come the night of the conflagration of destruction. You yourself, see that it may occur inspite of all the "Olympic Games", which, unlike the ancient games, sometimes finish with a wild fist fight.

Let all the leagues, institutions, museums, societies, institutes, conferences, conventions, grow and multiply in order, through enlightenment, to expel all the horrors of ignorance and darkness.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.

—Henry David Thoreau