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We have now reached a stage in the science and art of radio communications, when the expression of our thoughts can almost instantaneously and simultaneously be transmitted to and received by our fellowmen practically in every spot of the globe where a simple receiving apparatus is available.

Broadcasting, however, with all the importance it has attained, and the wide, unexplored fields still lying open to it, is not - in my opinion - the most significant part of modern communications, in so far as it is a "one way" communication. Of far greater importance attaches, in my opinion, to the possibility afforded by radio of exchanging communications wherever the correspondents may be situated: whether in mid-ocean, or on the ice pack of the pole, or in the waste of a desert, or above the clouds in an airplane! It is only through radio, in fact, that we are capable - so far - of talking to each other, with our own voice, across the oceans as well as between the antipodes.

His ultimate goal, I think, in his capacity of exchanging in detail with his fellow creatures his thoughts, his feelings, his yearnings, his ideals, his troubles, and, alas, also his complaints! Everything designed to facilitate and extend the development of this really superior capacity is to be hailed - I venture to submit - as the very medium for real human progress, the way of enhancing the typical peculiarity of man. With all our friction, jealousy and antagonism, (the inevitable chronic ailment of mankind), and in spite of the bloody eruptions which from time to time rend it asunder, the ideal of peace and fraternity remains unabated in us: we all yearn for a better life, based on a better understanding of one another on that every nation should have its chance.

In radio we have a fitting tool for bringing the people of the world together, for letting their voices be heard, their needs and aspirations be manifested. The significance of this modern means of communication is thus fully revealed: a wide channel for the improvement of our mutual relations is available to us; we have only to follow its course in a spirit of tolerance and sympathy, solicitous of exploiting the achievements of science and human ingenuity for the common well.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MODERN COMMUNICATION

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