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Correction of erroneous newspaper report of the speech made by the Am. Ambassador to Japan at the dinner of the Harvard Club of Japan.

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Japan,

December 4, 1907.

Am. Embassy (Jav.)
Encloses a clipping from the Japanese Herald of the 2nd instant, which attributes to the Am. Ambassador to Japan, a statement to the effect that should the President of the United States institute an aggressive policy toward Japan, he would lose the support of the people of the U.S.

States that no such expression was contained in Mr. O'Brien's speech at the dinner of the Harvard Club of Japan, but that the statement was made by Professor Blakesly of Clark University, in his address on that occasion.
Go. (Rec'd Jan. 3, 1908.)

Handwritten:
Stanley M. Wilson
Jav. to J.G.S.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The Harvard Club in Tokyo, of which Viscount Kaneko is President, gave a dinner at the Peers' Hall on Friday evening to celebrate the tercentenary of the founding of Harvard College. Mr. O'Brien, the United States Ambassador in Tokyo, Baron Megata, and the Secretaries of the Embassy, as well as many members of the Club, were present. Viscount Kaneko gave the opening address, and in response thereto Mr. O'Brien said enlightened people both in Japan and the United States had nothing to do with the war scare. The two countries had no reason to come into conflict. He believed that should the President of the United States adopt a policy calculated to come into conflict with Japan he would forthwith be rejected on all sides, and his political career would be sealed. It was needless to assure the Japanese that the friendly relations existing between the two countries would remain intact for ages.