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Sentiment given at dinner of  
4<sup>th</sup> inst -

Henceforth no one has ever doubted  
the personal bravery of Japanese.  
and a fresh illustration of their high  
courage has occurred in the efforts  
of both the army and the navy during  
the late Expedition, which had for its  
just aim and purpose vindication  
of the national honor, and the  
redress of outrage committed against  
its hardy mariners by the savages  
of Formosa.

Henceforth no one will be  
able to question the possession in  
an equal degree of the highest order  
of Civil Capacity and diplomatic  
skill in state affairs of great moment  
and difficult character, for this is  
Exemplified in the negotiations at-  
tending the Expedition which have

now  
been <sup>now</sup> concluded with such complete  
success.

And as these efforts of Japan  
in both the military and civil field  
have shed ~~so~~ so much lustre on the  
National arms and mission and on the  
Imperial Government of His Majesty  
making the end of the old year glorious;

So I trust that -  
the New Year will witness the same energy  
and patience, and the like determination,  
applied to the work of civil reform and  
industrial progress - and in forming  
and perfecting a system of law which  
while it demands equal duties and  
obedience from all, shall also confer  
equal rights - and equal protection to  
every person within the national domain  
whether he be native born or a foreigner.

W. Hill