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# To the sports youth of all nations

My friends and I have not worked to bring back the Olympic Games in order that they may be turned into a museum or cinema piece, or so that they may be exploited by commercial or political powers. Our desire has been, in reviving an institution which goes back twenty-five centuries, that you may once again become followers of the religion of sport as it was conceived by our glorious ancestors. In this modern world, full of great possibilities but which is at the same time threatened by a perilously decadent trend, the Olympic Movement can become a school not only of physical endurance and energy, but also of moral nobility and purity. This, however, can only be achieved if you strive continually to raise your standards of honour and your conception of impartial sport to the same height as that of your physical achievement. The future lies in your hands.

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