

knowledge the sway of a mercantile company shut up in a narrow street in the city of London."

"Let India boast her palms, nor envy we  
The weeping amber nor the spicy tree,  
While by our oaks those precious loads are borne  
And realms commanded which these trees adorn."

Thus said that eminent savant, Provost Paradal :

"Two rival powers, but only one as to race, language, customs, and laws—England and the United States of America—are, with the exception of Europe, dominating the world. How is it possible not to recollect we could once have hoped that our race and language would be chosen by European civilizations to invade the remainder of the world? We had every chance on our side. It was France which, through Canada and Louisiana, began to embrace North America; India seemed to belong to us; and were it not for mistakes political liberty could have spared to our fore-fathers, the language and blood of France would in all likelihood occupy in the world the place the language and the blood of England have irrevocably conquered; for destiny has spoken, and at least two portions of the globe, America and Oceanica, henceforth and forever belong to the Anglo-Saxon race. Moreover, now-a-days a book written in English is much more widely read than if it had been written in French; and it is with English words that the navigator is hailed on almost all the accessible coasts of the earth. However, that actual predominance of the Anglo-Saxon race everywhere out of Europe is but a feeble image of what an approaching future has in store for us. According to the most moderate calculation, founded on the increase of the population during the last decennial period, the United States will number more than a hundred millions of inhabitants at the end of the present century, without speaking of the probable annexation of Mexico and of the extension of the American Republic to the Panama Isthmus. Brazil and the several States of South America weigh very lightly by the side of such a power; and they will disappear when the masters of the northern continent think fit to extend themselves.

"At all events the American continent is, in its whole extent, destined to belong to the Anglo-Saxon race; and if we take into account the increase of speed which is so very notable in human events, it is very likely that such an important change will be accomplished in the course of about a century or a century and a half. It is not the less certain that Oceanica belongs forever to the Anglo-Saxons of Australia and New Zealand; and in that part of the world the march of events will be very rapid."

The learned writer then comments on the marvelous material progress of this portion of the British Empire, and adds that it is easy