

Of course we have the old complaint, of the want of cordiality on the part of "England" towards the United States in the years following the Revolutionary War. Suppose there was a want of cordiality, did the Americans do nothing to provoke it? What has Mr. Lodge to say about the treatment of the Loyalists? What has he to say about the violent manifestations of hatred of England borne by every packet across the Atlantic? What has he to say to the popular reception of Genet and the arming by that Jacobin scoundrel of piratical cruisers against British commerce in American ports? When the British envoy complained justly, as Mr. Lodge cannot help admitting, of the injuries done his country under the American flag and with American sympathy and encouragement, what according to Mr. Lodge himself was the attitude of the American people? They were fêting and caressing Genet, cheering and applauding him wherever he went, welcoming him with ovations and receptions. "At Philadelphia he was received," we quote Mr. Lodge himself, "by a great concourse of citizens called together by the guns of the very privateer which had violated neutrality." These things England was to take as tokens of American goodwill and proofs of American perfection, which called for the utmost cordiality and for all sorts of compliments in response. Towards Washington who behaved with decency England did show cordiality in return, and the flags of the British fleet under Lord Bridport were half-masted at his death. This Hildreth mentions. Mr. Lodge admits Hildreth's trustworthiness: why did he suppress the fact?

A better spirit is rapidly prevailing over that of Elijah Pogram in American historians, and writers not a few worthy of their high calling have appeared, Mr. Parkman heading the list. But the improvement has not yet reached all American historians or biographers, and it certainly has not reached Mr. Cabot Lodge. A few Englishmen, we are sorry to say, still write in the same ignoble strain, but no author of mark is of the number,