

New York ; but Dr. Schaff was kind enough to invite some friends to his house, and we had a most pleasant evening. In a New York paper, *The Scottish American*, the company was given, all well-known in New York—Dr. and Mrs. Talbot Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. John Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Cuyler, Dr. and Mrs. Waters, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. Ellinwood, Professors Shedd, Briggs, Hastings, Brown, and Vincent ; S. B. Brownell, Esq., Dr. Field, and many others. I could only utter my hearty thanks for so kind a welcome, all the more that I was travelling in an entirely private capacity, and the last thing I was looking for was such a recognition. It was a good opportunity for expressing what has long been one of my very earnest feelings—the desire that nothing may ever happen to disturb the friendly relations of the two great branches of the English people, as Professor Freeman has called them, but that Britain and the United States may ever move on hand in hand, united and cordial, in every measure fitted to advance the civilization and the Christianization of the world.

New York was all astir with preparations for the celebration of the Washington Centennial, which came off about this time. But it would detain me too long to describe that or any other New York scene. I was greatly interested in the sermon of Bishop Potter, in which he made a bold and earnest effort to restore the political life of the country to the state of purity it enjoyed when it bore the impress of Washington's noble character. It was amusing to watch the newspaper war which followed. It was too strong a dose for those patriots who can stomach nothing but eulogy and admiration ; but it struck a deep chord in all the nobler souls of the country. The universal and simultaneous honour paid to the memory of Washington by so many millions of people could hardly fail of good result. It could not but be useful to remember that the one thing that made him great was his