

spread his political faith with fire and sword. It is impossible to give a full idea of the manner in which history—ay, and the interpretation of the Bible itself—is perverted, for the sake of biassing the tone of feeling in the young. Not only do they indulge in the most bombastic and extravagant praises of the civil and military achievements of their fellow-countrymen, but in the greatest depreciation of every other people. You will find this in every publication, from the halfpenny newspaper to the grave history.

Were an English boy to receive his first impressions from these sources, he could not think of his country without horror ; such records of tyranny, cowardice, treachery, and dishonesty were never before accumulated against a single people. At first, these extravagances are rather amusing to an English traveller ; but after a while, when they are kept continually in his ears and eyes, they become irritating and obnoxious ; for he cannot but see that they influence the American mind, and produce in the lower and governing class an undisguised hatred and contempt for England. The intelligent and wealthy people of the community will tell you that this sort of thing is mere flourish on the part of their countrymen—that they do not