

Hark, the roar grows, the thunders re-awaken—
 We ask one thing, Lord, only one thing now:
 Hearts as high as theirs, who went to death unshaken,
 Courage like theirs to make and keep their vow.
 To stay not till these hosts whom mercies harden,
 Who know no glory save of sword and fire,
 Find in our fire, the splendour of Thy pardon,
 Meet from our steel the mercy they desire.

Men and non-commissioned officers, with whom he fought, called from him unstinted tribute, and his army songs embody their spirit in frank, stirring lines. R. E. Vernède fell while leading his platoon in an attack, one of a not small group of men who sacrificed their lives in free gratitude to England for what she had given them of joy in life and written words:

All that a man might ask, thou hast given me, England,
 Yet grant thou one thing more:
 That now when envious foes would spoil thy splendour,
 Unversed in arms, a dreamer such as I
 May in thy ranks be deemed not all unworthy,
 England, for thee to die.

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BRITISH-AMERICAN DISCORDS AND CONCORDS.

A Record of Three Centuries. Compiled by the History Circle. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London, 1918. Price 75 cents.

To summarize in a little book of seventy pages the relations between Britain and America during three centuries and to discuss the numerous disagreements which arose between these two countries and the methods by which harmony was restored between them—to do this without presenting a mere dry catalogue of facts would seem at first sight to be an impossible task.

This, however, is what the History Circle has accomplished, for "Discords and Concord" is an excellent little book, of interest to the general reader as well as to those well versed in history. The list of references from leading historians is complete and well arranged, and the volume also contains a bibliography for more extensive reading on the subject.

We are told in the preface to the work that the History Circle is composed of men of various professions and that a committee of its members is responsible for this monograph. Indeed, if we had not been given this information, we should have been puzzled to know how a single work could combine the accuracy of the historian and the literary style of the scholar with the precision and orderly arrangement of the business man.

The book is almost laconic in its conciseness and has evidently been pruned by an unsparing hand, but it is remarkable how much information and interest are to be gleaned from its pages. The causes of the American