

That England in its marvelous progress should have excited envy is but natural, but the effect of its dissemination of the grand principles of liberty and enlightenment that underlie Anglo-Saxonism has wrung alike from friend and foe unstinted recognition.

It is not to be wondered that pride and affection for the "old house at home" is felt by those to the manor born, as well as reverence for an *alma mater* among those sprung from the loins of sterling ancestry. I propose to review some testimonials collated from the tomes of history relative to the greatness of the British Empire, drawn indifferently from distinguished writers of various nationalities.

Milton, in his *Arcopagitica*, utters these grand words:

"Lords and Commons of England, consider what nation it is whereof ye are, and whereof ye are the governors; a nation not slow and dull, but of a quick, ingenious, and piercing spirit; acute to invent, subtile and sinewy to discourse, not beneath the reach of any point, the highest that human capacity can soar to. Yet that which is above all this, the favor, and the love of Heaven, we have great argument to think in a peculiar manner propitious and propending towards us."

Mr. Gladstone says:

"There is no parallel in all the records of the world to the case of that prolific British mother, who has sent forth her innumerable children over all the earth to be the founders of half a dozen empires. Her eldest daughter, the American Republic, has risen in round numbers in one single century from two to forty-five millions."

Emerson says:

"The creation of wealth in England during the last century is a main fact in modern history. The wealth of England determines prices all over the globe."

Carpenter says:

"The amount of interest paid on our enormous loans in England alone exceeds six millions sterling in a single month."

The *Westminster Review* says:

"Foreign countries have, during the last thirty years, added three thousand million pounds sterling to their debts, and the British people are the great lenders.