

That greatness once established, no one shall be able to menace it from without, like Rome, which was surrounded on every side by a barbarous world. There are no more barbarous nations, and the race which will be invested with the guidance of mankind will have to fear neither the competition nor the appearance of a new race."

D'Aubigny, the celebrated historian of the Reformation, after a visit to England, cannot refrain from giving vent to similar impressions:

"I have been struck with admiration at beholding the people of those islands, encompassing the globe, bearing everywhere civilization and Christianity, commanding the most distant seas, and filling the earth with the power and the Word of God. At the sight of such prosperity and greatness I said: Ascribe ye strength unto God; His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds. O, God, Thou art terrible out of Thy Holy places. The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God."

And in another paragraph the same eminent man remarks:

"The Constitution of England, the balance of her powers, the slow but sure energy of the universal thought of the people, all this is so beautiful that we cannot but recognize the Master-hand."

Again:

"What Tacitus said of the Britons is still true of them. They respect power, but cannot suffer the abuse of it. They know how to obey, but not how to serve."

Montesquieu gave utterance to some apothegms apposite to the subject on which I am treating:

"No people have true common sense but those born in England."

"The Constitution of England is the admiration and the envy of the world; the pattern for politicians; the theme of the eloquent; the meditation for the philosopher, in every part of the world."

"The immediate object of their Government is political liberty; they possess more freedom than any republic; and their system is in fact a republic disguised as a monarchy."

It must be remembered these are not exclamations of the present hour, but the production of one of the greatest writers of any age.

Emanuel Swedenborg remarked:

"For the English nation the best of them are in the centre of all