

"IN LOVING MEMORY"

Oh Harry Dear, why did ye gae?
 For, ye, ma hairt it yearns,
 Soon ye will be, upon your way,
 To meet Dear Brother Burns,
 Oh, how we wish our lot would come,
 To go with ye, Dear Eaglesome.

BRITAIN'S DAY IS OUR DAY

(The Baltimore Sun.)

We have had our fights with Great Britain in the past, but they were family fights, and should no more be remembered now than our own Civil War. For, after all, we are bone of her bone and flesh of her flesh. Her blood flows in our veins and answers the call of the same inspiration and ideals. Her soul lives again in our soul, and binds as in a common heritage of language, literature, history, tradition and political development that runs back through hundreds of years, and which neither time nor the seas can divorce. Composed of divers races as we are, the English birthmark stamps our national life and character ineradicably with our origin, and we are full brothers still in thought, in philosophy and aspiration to the magnificent manhood of the British Isles.

It is well to recall at a time like the present where the ark of modern liberty first rested, after the flood of mediaeval tyranny, where the seeds of modern freedom were sown, and where they were nourished and developed from generation to generation, with blood and tears and prayers. We talk much about our Declaration of Independence, but let us not forget that Englishmen had fought and striven for political freedom, for popular sovereignty while the American republic was still in the womb of time. English kings were defied on English soil long before we defied George III.; and the commoners of England challenged royal imperialism and established parliamentary power when this country was still largely a wilderness.

What would we have been today without these pre-natal influences, without the national ancestry, without this strain of inheritance? In the countries in this continent settled by Spain Spanish influence and characteristics long survived

and still survive. Had this country by any chance been mothered by Germany, its history and its tendencies might have been very different. But we come of a nation in which free institutions and free principles seemed to spring naturally from the political soil, and in which they developed as if in accordance with a great and natural plan. No student of history can deny the debt which we owe to England for our instinctive love of liberty, for the great moral law of freedom to which we have always paid allegiance.

We have a right today to feel prouder than ever before of this great ancestress. Without her mighty aid on land and sea, the continent of Europe would now be under Prussian domination, and Emperor William instead of being a trembling fugitive in Holland, would menace us as well as all other civilized lands with calamity. We could not have reached the scene of conflict in time without the help of her fleet and mercantile marine, and but for her might now have been awaiting a German armada on our coasts, instead of sending our President to Europe to assist in guaranteeing the future good behavior of conquered Germany. Great Britain in the last four years has stood between the world and destruction. We can never forget what she has done. We cannot praise her too highly today.

AMERICAN SLANG.

An Englishman newly arrived from "the old country" entered a street car in one of the large American cities, and sitting opposite to him was a lady who had a baby on her lap. The child was so ugly, that the Englishman could not help looking at it.

The lady becoming enraged at the man's seeming rudeness lent forward and said "Rubber".

The Englishman with a sigh of relief said, "Thank God, I thought it was a real one."

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