

[Essay fragment by Elihu Burritt, undated]

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[text begins in middle of sentence in original] which such a subject might seem to involve. I would like to ~~to~~ [crossed out in original] you, as those at sea, to take a new observation with the quadrant of time, and face the ~~present~~ [crossed out in original] political latitude and longitude of Great Britain [crossed out words] at the present moment [indecipherable] by the established parallels of civilization. The England of your fathers is not the England that your children will look upon and love. This [indecipherable indecipherable] island, immovable in the beating storms of sixty centuries, does not stand ~~as by a thousand~~ [indecipherable] ~~in the~~ [crossed out in original] to the peopled area of the world by a thousand [indecipherable] when [indecipherable] found it. Measured by the movements of progressive populations, it has been carried [crossed out words] politically to a new stand-point within the last century. Two centuries ago, it was still the Ultima Thule [underline in original], the very westernmost frontier of civilization ~~Now~~ [crossed out in original] and almost of human communities. Now this has made itself the center of [crossed out word] Christendom, by peopling the great Western World beyond her. Two men's memories linked together may mark the day when all who spoke the English language in North America, did not equal in number the present population of London. On that day [crossed out words] a century ago, the whole population of this island did not exceed that of New York and Pennsylvania at the present moment. If within the reach of two human memories, all who spoke our common tongue [indecipherable] did not number 10,000,000, now they number above 70 million and fill half of these migrant people America and its island. This then is a new point of departure for England. She has come to the dividing line to a most momentous equation in the census of the race [crossed out word] that [indecipherable] matters[?]. It is in her history something more than the phenomenon of two celestial bodies in periodical conjunction or opposition, for that phenomenon repeats itself. But this conjunction in the movements of our [indecipherable] race will never repeat itself in all this century to come. Now that race [crossed out words] Europe and [?] America is in...