

(Letter to London Times, Oct. 22, 1914, p. 7,d)

EMERSON ON ENGLAND.

Oxford, Oct. 21.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir: - A valued American correspondent writes:

<sup>u</sup>The President's order of neutrality is wise, given our mixed population, but you know where our hearts and hopes are, and what toasts we drink in private life. If you have any half-hearted spirits among you, please read them the enclosed sentiments of our greatest man of letters, written in 1856, and still felt - oh, how strongly now - by all who are worthy of the great cause our race represents."

Yours, &c.,

William Osler.

<sup>u</sup>England.

Enclosure

"I see her not dissipated, not weak, but well remembering that she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that in storm of battle and calamity she has a secret vigour and a pulse like cannon. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young, and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion. Seeing this, I say, All hail! Mother of nations, Mother of heroes, with strength still equal to the time; still wise to entertain and swift to execute the policy which the mind and heart of mankind require at the present hour, and thus only hospitable to the foreigner, and truly a home to the thoughtful and generous, who are born in the soil. So be it! So let it be!"

[Emerson's Note]

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1856.

~~This note refers to say, that the 'valued correspondent' was Fielding H. Garrison of the  
Lazen Jones' office in Washington to whom he wrote his letters on the same day, adding:~~

~~John Jay~~