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Mr. R. H. Wacker,

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Dear Madame:

I am very in receipt of yours of 3rd inst. I infer you sent it to Nashville Kanner which Kanner forwarded it to me.

It would take volumes to tell what I think of Sumner Lodge. He is a man of great ability and he is highly cultured and scholarly.

But he is a narrow-minded bigot. He vividly represents that terrible thing - the New England Puritanism. He spends all its time running up and down the coast making a reputation for himself. It is a pity for the sake of the cause of the South.

He is a direct lineal descendant of the Hartford Convention which would have taken New England out of the Union in 1814 if the war with England had not ended when it did. At that time Secession was patriotism in New England. In 1860 Secession at the South was to be treason in the estimation of New England. In 1814 New England was in favor of Nullification; but when secession was advocated that idea at the South New England called it treason.

Lodge belongs to those who are sure of the

"national honor" but it is only a sterile, creative, conventional, artificial and made to order. In 1913 his attitude on national honor would be forever smirched if we allowed free trade to our merchants through the Panama Canal. Many supporters holding who advocate free passage to our ships. He works the League of Nations until President Wilson got to be sponsor for the League. Then he changes. He is actuated by envy of the great abilities of Wilson. He is conscious of his inferiority to that great man.

With best wishes, I am very truly yours

E. W. Newman