

as though they were of yesterday.
 As an illustration of the old
 adage, that as the twig is bent
 so will grow the tree, or that
 the shape of the boy will not
 desert the man, there stands now
 at the first steps of our
 career and to their country
 of their record. Of their record
 need not speak, for it is the
 common history of the English
 tongue. It has not been
 affected by general drift or
 by local movements, but it
 lives in the memories of the
 present generation, a