

Abstract

This dissertation examines the topic of Charles Dickens's attitude to foreigners. The introductory chapter, "Dickens and John Bull," examines Dickens's attitude to his countrymen. Chapter II looks at Dickens's love-hate affair with the Americans, while Chapters III, IV and V deal with Dickens and the Continentals, specifically the French, Italians and Swiss respectively. Chapter VI is a short chapter on Dickens and the Germans. Chapter VII treats Dickens's relationship with the Jews, and finally Chapter VIII deals with other ethnic groups - Indians, Negroes, Orientals and Eskimos - who were at times regarded in the Victorian Age rather condescendingly as the 'Natives'.

I have looked closely at the author's writings, specifically his novels, letters, speeches, journalistic writings, travel books and relevant Christmas stories, noting all pertinent references and any progression, maturing or change in his attitude.