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COLONIZATION is one of the methods which nations, in all ages, have employed to secure their conquests, or to extend their territories. If a tract of country had been ravaged and depopulated by war, a colony was provided to re-people, to defend, or to cultivate it. If it was possessed by inhabitants, few in number, and unwarlike, who had territory to spare, and would make little resistance to the first invaders, it was considered as a captivating prey to any state advanced in cultivation, or perhaps overloaded with people; and a colony was dispatched to seize and appropriate it. Accordingly, we find that colonization proceeds nearly in the same direction, and almost keeps pace with the progress of civilization. The history of society informs us, that civilization has held its course from east to west, from Asia, through Africa and Europe,

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