

Roman poet—when he described the British as out of
 communication with the whole world—imagining that the na-
 tion whom he thus depicted was to attain to an eminence
 “above all Greek, above all Roman fame;” to extend her
 sway over every unknown to Rome—the so-called wastes
 of the world—to plant her flag, and spread civilization, and
 diffuse Christianity in every part of the world—and not
 her least glory to plant colonies in distant lands, whose
 proud boast will ever be that they are not worthy of
 their parents!

Why do I make these observations? but that I would
 impress this truth for our practical Government—that the
 commercial prosperity of a country depends upon the mental
 and moral character of the inhabitants. All the advantages
 of nature may be rendered nugatory by man. It is equally
 in the power of a people to transform fertile places into a
 howling wilderness, or to plant a garden in the desert
 waste. The same man who would not an individual set on the
 road to ruin, is equally ready to induce, by prudent
 measures, the same man to be a blessing to his country.

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