

deluded from their native country, and transplanted in a foreign soil, have been reared in the hotbed of slavery, and brought up in all the phases of ignorance, and of comparing them with those of themselves, who have freedom and a liberal education to draw forth their powers; I seize this illustration the more readily, because it must unavoidably have come under the cognizance of all, and therefore it would be both absurd and useless for me to go further from home.

I am aware that it is the opinion of some men, and intelligent men too; that the distinction between the white and black races, is a natural and preordained barrier between superior and inferior beings; that circumstances over which man has no control have contributed to make the coloured man subservient to the white, and acknowledge his superiority; but how any sane man can come to such a conclusion I am at a loss to imagine; I deem it at once both arrogant and ungenerous; arrogant in supposing that our all powerful Creator should be such a respecter of persons, as to confer in the formation of intellect any peculiar advantages to one nation, which he has refused to another; and ingenerous in taking advantage of the lassitude and weakness of a people, rendered so helpless by climatic and other influences. The white people of the present day may claim their superiority more from local position, than from any miraculous benefits conferred upon them by the Almighty, for every one knows it to be an established fact; that while the climate of the middle and northern part of the Temperate Zone, has a tendency to make man industrious and to call forth all the various powers which are centered in him; the climate of the Torrid Zone, where the sun pours his rays perpendicularly, has as great a tendency, to neutralize both his intellectual and physical powers. In the Tropical regions of our globe work is comparatively but little required; the natural fertility of the soil produces sufficient for man's support, without any great exertion on the part of himself, and on account of excessive heat his wants are small and confined in their nature; all these reasons have a natural tendency, to render him indolent and careless, and to make him utterly unfit for the rougher usages of northern climes; but on the other hand the natives of colder regions are taught by experience that if they wish to reap they must sow, their soil may be fertile, but it requires labor to make that fertility serviceable; the wheat which we turn into bread will not grow without sowing, nor will it take root in a soil that is not prepared for its cultivation; the garments that we wear, have to go through processes the most tedious and complicated before we can use them; the very fuel which is used to preserve us from that cold the negro never experiences, has in most countries to be obtained from the very bowels of the earth, in fact every thing that we have either for consumption or wear, is only the result of steady and hard labour; Hence it fol-

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