

whence it will again circulate through the members, and will multiply itself with unceasing activity.

In attributing to Colonies these beneficial results, it will be understood that we forbear to calculate on several accidents, which have at different times brought ruin upon infant Settlements. An unhealthy climate, against which few precautions have been taken; dissensions amongst the Colonists themselves; the neighbourhood of fierce and numerous tribes of savages; neglect on the part of the Government at home; and other such causes, being no more than incidental evils, and such as may mostly be prevented by wisdom and experience, ought not in fairness to be put in the balance against the benefits of Colonization, which arise from it naturally, and almost necessarily.

Still less will the general question be affected by errors which may have been committed in the detail of commercial regulations between a Colony and its Parent State. In these points the nations of modern Europe are accused of having followed a most illiberal line of policy; of having treated their Colonies more as slaves, than as children.