

than by saying that every unemployed man, woman, and child in England, between ten and fifty years of age, could be absorbed at once and with ease.

The truth, then, which the desponding settler, and the hasty traveller must never overlook, is, that the real cause of difficulty in obtaining servants is the demand for labour of a more independent, and therefore more popular description. Of course, it is unpleasant to be rich and yet not get the benefit which riches generally bring; but the penalty attached to easily or rapidly got wealth in a new country is the inability among other things to get flesh and blood to do menial service if any other happy and independent mode of livelihood is at hand. That this state of affairs is easily remedied I am certain; but only in the way in which most colonial ills are to be cured, immigration. The increased population reproduces less faintly every day the old country conditions; and therefore the old country advantages (where such existed), reappear in the new.

And, as we in this country are crowded to such an extent as to find a million paupers a natural thing, it does, as I have already said, seem astounding that the question of emigration, as a cure for our evils, which in the form of immigration becomes a cure for colonial wants, does not attract the attention of our statesmen.