

THE COLONIZATION OF BRITISH AMERICA.

"Is there any mode of bridging over the intervening oceans so that our Colonies may be to the United Kingdom what the backwoods are to the United States?"—*Sir W. Molesworth.*

COLONIZATION, the only real practical remedy for the perils of the nation, is now about to assert its paramount claims to the consideration of statesmen. Manifold quackeries have had their day, and we are now about to return to that most ancient of all panaceas, to replenish the earth and subdue it. It is most important, then, that what is done be not only done quickly, but done well; and it is in the hope that our suggestions have not been altogether ineffectual in impressing the minds of really practical men, and that a digest of our views on the great subject may be useful at this crisis, that we propose here to present a careful and comprehensive estimate of the whole question.

We have already affirmed that this moral charter of Colonization has also its Six Points; and it is to such economical points as these that the public mind is now beginning to be diverted from the vain pursuit of mere political rights and privileges, which all experience tends to demonstrate are insufficient greatly to promote or to consolidate the social well-being:—

First. A National System of Social Emigration.

Second. The opening up of Colonial fields, and the connexion of Colonial markets and centres of population, by that modern bond of society, the Railway.

Third. The physical preparation of the chosen sites of Settlements, by clearances, surveys, mills, roads, and bridges.

Fourth. The moral, sanitary, and what we would call the institutional adaptation of these settlements to the purposes of civilized life, upon the basis of municipal government.

Fifth. The convenient recovery of the necessary outlays for such purposes, from the traffic of the railways, and from the enhanced value of the land thus made attractive to capital and education as well as to labour; and

Sixth. The creation of the ways and means, on the security or basis of the property to be thus constituted.