

It is not impossible, that some persons may feel an objection to give so many valuable hands to the United States. Where such a feeling exists, British America may be substituted, and the large sum voted in the last session for public works in Canada, will produce a demand for labour there, which has not previously existed. But it must not be forgotten, that when once a parish has chosen a point, to which to send their emigrants, it is not very easy to change. Every successive party wishes to be near their friends, who have gone before. The increase of the population and power of the United States, must necessarily be so rapid, that the small degree in which it will be accelerated by the addition of our emigrants, can scarcely be of much importance. Of what moment can it be, whether they count 20 millions in the year 50 or in the year 51? Count them soon they must and will. But to renew the ties of brotherhood which have been broken, to cast off these petty jealousies and fears, to give and take freely what the wants of each nation demand, is true wisdom; and in no way are these desirable objects so likely to be obtained, as by the natural ties which will result from a connected system of emigration. But whether these hopes are destined to be realized or not, of one thing I am certain,—that no man can read the accounts contained in these letters, of the extraordinary liberality and kindness which our fellow countrymen in distress have experienced, without feeling his heart warm towards our friends on the other side the Atlantic.

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