

the Mother Country. Undue parsimony should not be dealt out, when a more liberal expenditure would lead to important ends. Of the enormous sums which are annually absorbed by our great national establishments, ample and sufficient funds should be appropriated to the work of Colonisation, seeing that almost boundless territories in the Indian Ocean and elsewhere lie open to us, and the general peace of Europe gives us leisure to expend our energies in their cultivation. Partiality and party interest should, here, be allowed to form no title or recommendation to Colonial appointments. Jobbing and speculation in the subordinate agents should be vigilantly sought for, and carefully punished when detected. Governors of an unexceptionable character for patriotism, activity, and probity, should be appointed to rule in each Colony, whose promise is a sufficient guarantee for its future importance to Great Britain, in its trade and reciprocal intercourse.

Thus might England, to a greater extent than at present, colonise the uncivilised and savage tracts of our world, and introduce humanity and order where lawless disorganisation and moral chaos now reign triumphant.

E. P.

Avon-hou'e, Wilts, July 1st, 1847.

LIFE IN THE JUNGLE;

OR, LETTERS FROM A COFFEE-PLANTER IN CEYLON TO HIS
COUSIN IN LONDON.

(Concluded.)

LETTER XIII.

Epping Bungalow, March 20th, 184—.

MY DEAR COUSIN SMITH—Important events have come to pass since I last had the pleasure of scribbling to you. After what I had previously said, you will, no doubt, be somewhat surprised to hear that the Browns has actually been up to the chilly regions and breathed the icy atmosphere of Nuwera Ellia. Well! it's a fact. Don't fancy, however, that anything like sickness drove us up, if you do you'll be dreadfully mistaken. It was a fancy of my wife's, and I must confess that I had a little curiosity to see how the place felt, for every one has been talking about it, and one appears so heathenish not to be able to have one's own say about the matter. The affair, however, did not come off without a deal of planning, contriving, and arranging, and afterwards lots of packing, stowing away, and all sorts of botheration. Oh! the delight of having to move a whole family in this blessed place! No one can have any sort of idea of the thing until he has fairly tried his hand at it as I have. My elephant excursion with Glibb was bad enough, but