

and seasons will come when, without passion or excitement, true, earnest, clear-brained men may take up the subject with real advantage ; when calm and judicious inquiries may be conducted by those who

“ Live to clutch the golden keys,
To mould a mighty State's decrees,
And shape the whisper of a throne ; ”

and when their measures, arranged in harmony with sound principles and constitutional maxims, shall carry forward this great empire in the glorious career that it has been accomplishing, slowly but surely, of enlarging the boundaries of liberty, increasing the blessings of an industrial commerce, and maintaining throughout the wide world that good laws, a sound literature, and a pure religion, are the true foundations of a nation's happiness.

LETTER III.

LONDON, *February 16th*, 1870.

SIR,—I should regret taking leave of the agitators on the Colonial question without endeavouring to trace both the causes of their failure, and the results that have accrued from their movements. I shall exclude all personal considerations, which can now be done with advantage from the free handling already given to the leaders and their disciples in following their speeches and resolutions.

Failure, then, has been most prominent from the fact of the Colonies not being authoritatively represented. This, indeed, was shown in the incipient