

has a single people lived under such conditions. Here the race comes to new conditions, and a new regime begins. Here war, famine, tyranny do not press, and the unchoked fountain of reproduction and increase, under benignant skies, flows unchecked its steady and soundly increasing stream. To-day we are 70,000,000. In 1950, 140,000,000. In 2000, 200,000,000, and when the pen writes the census of the fifth century of civilization on this Continent, the monstrous sum will re-bulate 500,000,000.

This seems to some of you extravagant? Very well; give me your minds a moment. The Saxon land, across the sea, is full; but the Saxon blood has not lost reproductive vigor, has it? England alone could people the world in ten centuries—give it the world to people and absence of war. If the State of Illinois was populated as densely as England and Wales, there would be 25,000,000 of people within her borders. Is there a single reason existent in nature or government why she should not be? Canada has a section in her west, out of which ten States as large as Illinois can be carved. And in all this vast stretch of land, the soil is of the richest, fine abundant, stored in old geologic ages but a few feet under prairie sod, and the climate as healthy and bracing as children were ever born and grown in. Ten Illinois on our side that fool's line now dividing us, and ten on this side, populated as England and Wales are to-day, and you have a total of 520,000,000,—equal to one-third of the human race, as now computed to be living on this rounded globe.

You say, "It cannot be! It is too monstrous!" I say it will be. Sure as wheat grows wheat, or