

females, most of those who need help to reach a colony, are amongst the least likely to be serviceable there.

We have sometimes been urged to *systematic* colonization, just as though any power of ordering the numbers, route, destination, or pursuits of our people, would not be altogether alien, and of another order of thought, from that on which our peculiarities, our glory, our progress, and even our existence depend ; or as if such battalionising could or ought to stand for a moment for more than a cobweb before the right worshipful wilfulness of true humanity. Of late, indeed, we have heard little of systematic colonization : its advocates are now alarmed at the vastness of the stream which fills and overflows the channel into which they would have pumped a regulated rill. Probably these who so distrust justice and charity, nature and Providence, will next be heard calling aloud for some arbitrary legal sluice to stop the current.

We colonise by the innate force of tendencies, which need only suitable external natural circumstances to give them opportunity of effect. Some of the hopeful place their brightest visions abroad ; and some of the downcast seek to leave behind them the land of their sorrows. They who wish for activity may look for it beyond the ocean ; and they who wish for quiet may, with equal reason, try to find it there. The father has to provide for his children ; the young have the world before them. The thousand embarrassments of the smoothest and most thriving community inflict bruises and abrasions on some who wish to escape from the crowd ; and prosperity itself only furnishes means to the sanguine for attempting elsewhere to be still more prosperous. Even if the world were of equal comfort everywhere, there would not be wanting frequent motives to change ; how much more then, when industrial conditions vary as they do at every remove, and the differing temperaments or capabilities of men find so many grateful resting-places of hope, so many appropriate fields of action ? It is neither by forethought nor counsel of