

must pour out its tributes to the whole world. On the north all along the shore of Lake Superior, and west stretching in one broad plain in a belt across the continent, is a country where state after state is yet to arise, and where the productions for the support of American society in the old crowded states must be brought forth. I now believe that the ultimate, last seat of Government on this continent will be found somewhere within a circle or radius not far from the spot on which I stand."

Were it necessary to multiply illustrations of the great natural wealth and capabilities of this north-west region, I could go on almost indefinitely, but my experience of this country has not been confined to poring over statistics. I have visited and inspected the copper and iron mines on the shores of Lake Superior; I have penetrated the virgin forests of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; I have crossed the prairies of Dacotah, Nebraska, and Iowa; I have seen the rich alluvial valleys of Kansas and Missouri; I have travelled through the garden State of Illinois from end to end; I have examined the iron mountains of Missouri, and the rich coal deposits of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio; and I have too often for my personal comfort been made practically conversant with the fact that in these countries, at any rate, "labour is king," and that even a negro charwoman was worth two dollars a day, and short hours of labour even for that. Of every earthly produce necessary for the sustenance of man there was everywhere the greatest abundance. In the garden county of Kent I never saw such wheat, or in the richest grazing districts of my native county of Yorkshire such fat cattle, as in the State of Minnesota; industrious men and women seemed to be the only requisite necessary to make it the fairest and most fruitful portion of the earth. I came almost direct from this region to London; I had been absent for nearly two years and a half. The evening of the day after my arrival in town I passed one of the police-stations in a fashionable part of the West-End, and I