

periodicals just published,* “is six hours from
 “London to Holyhead,—then an iron screw
 “steamer, double the size of the *Great Britain*,
 “‘ruling the waves straight,’ and bidding sea
 “sickness avaunt,—two hours to Kingston,—then
 “four hours to Galway, the leaping off place for
 “the West,—then in another giant steamer six days
 “to New York,”—*to Halifax is surely meant, and*
in six days more, through the British North Ame-
rican Provinces, to the Coast of the Pacific.
 “What say ye, educators of the people, rulers
 “of the state?—‘Where there’s a will there’s a
 “‘way’ is an old English proverb; and gladly do
 “we pay tribute of respect to one who holds the
 “foremost place in the work of mercy—of civi-
 “lizing the world, by the removal of physical ob-
 “stacles to personal communing between nations.
 “Robert Stevenson may be regarded as the type
 “and pattern of the onward moving English race,
 “practical, scientific, energetic, and in the hour of
 “trial heroic.”

England has capital, has surplus population,
 convict labour, and the requisite engineering enter-
 prize and talent. “Even if it were desirable, it is
 “not possible that she can remain stationary, she
 “must either advance or recede in her great-
 “ness.”† And let me ask, what is to prevent her
 forward movement? She has a man “with a

* Westminster Review.

† Blackwood's Magazine.