

- (3) The prospects open to them when they have gained a competent knowledge of American agriculture; and,
- (4) Some definite information as to what they can do with the capital subsequently at their command.

The Necessity for Emigration.

We might almost take this for granted. The great majority of middle-class parents find themselves quite unable to bear the cost of educating their sons for one of the liberal, or *quasi-liberal* professions; of establishing them in business; or of giving them the expensive training which severe competition renders necessary for positions in the Civil Service. From £500 to £1,000 may easily be spent in these ways with a result by no means certain, or commensurate with the outlay. It is not every young man who is fitted for the drudgery of desk-work, or is content with the poor prospects in life offered by the position of a clerk in an office. For such the British Colonies, some of the States of the Union, are the natural outlet. But unless they proceed there under a proper system, and undergo, with suitable guarantees, a probationary training for the life of an American Colonial farmer, and are not supplied with capital before they have learnt how to use it to advantage, enterprise will, in nine cases out of ten, end in disastrous failure. Young men fresh from school or business are no more fitted to undertake the management of a couple of hundred acres of land in Canada than they would be in Lincoln-