

at the present day, there is a great display of justice. This is the true secret of the power that, with a firm but kindly grasp, holds in subjection the Eastern Empire. I have no time for details here. Yet, when we think of the numberless tribes, the diverse religions, the civil institutions, the subtilty of the natives and the energy of a vast number of them—and when we reflect that, all this order of things or rather *disorder* is placed at the other side of the globe; no intelligent and candid man can fail to see that something far other than physical force rules in India. No doubt physical force has its place there, but *that rests* on a basis of broad and well defined justice. *This* with a few thousands of these Islanders, holds that vast country in peace and in order, and are guiding it on to the most prosperous issues. For thousands of years, the plains of Hindostan were the battle fields of barbarian conquerors, who came only to ravage and to waste. In the fairest portions of the globe, the life of man was rendered utterly miserable. It was not till these far off Islanders came, that poor men could sow and reap in safety; and in peace eat their morsel of rice, under the Bannana tree. All this they can now do with perfect safety. It would add not a little to the view I am now attempting to give, did I shew at large the vast systems of navigation, railroads and telegraphs, which Britain is introducing into India. I cannot, however, say anything on this.

But now, I turn in fine to a matter, some parts of which ought to be better known to you than the rule of Britain in the East. Let us now look for a moment how *British justice rules among her colonies*. The number of these is about fifty, and somewhere about forty of them have representative governments. These are in all parts of the world, on all the continents, and in many of the greater islands, Britain has planted her standard, and around it her children have gathered, and she sits now as a mighty mother, beholding, defending and directing this vast progeny of young states. All these are growing rapidly in population, in wealth, and in the civilization of the country that gave them birth. I know not that the sun in all his course beholds a more sublime spectacle—all free, all protected, all prosperous, and all engaged in the responsible task of self-government. Oh, that God would make them successful imitators of the great country from which they have sprung:—Yea, and she sits teaching them specially