

both animal, vegetable, and mineral, would present a boundless field for the researches of science, and contribute to establish by more numerous examples the soundness of the great inductive positions of natural philosophy. Meanwhile the sight of new countries, and new nations; the prospect of oceans to be crossed, forests to be cleared, and mountains to be climbed; the familiarity with "most disastrous chances, and moving accidents by flood or field," which the stirring recital of such noble enterprizes would communicate to the minds of the people at large; the proud thought of changing at once by their exertions the infancy of the world into its maturity; of elevating the savage to the rank of civilized man; of founding a new nation of Englishmen and of Christians: all these things would implant in the breast an infinite variety of hopes and of motives; would transport the thoughts of the community beyond the range of this "ignorant present," and the little circle of insignificant occurrences which are attached to the every day life of an individual; would give them a wider scope, and a nobler aim; would multiply their faculties, and elevate their intellectual nature. If war itself, with all its horrors, has some-