

COLONISATION.

Westward the course of empire takes its way,
The first four lines already past.

The high standard is the dream with the day,
The noblest of all projects is his last."—*Bishop Berkeley*

"How many young men there must be in this Old World, able, intelligent, active, and persevering enough, yet not adapted for success in any of our conventional professions—mute inglorious Riches!" Let us comprehend better the old Greek colonisation, the sending out not only of paupers, the refuse of an over-populated state, but a large proportion of a better class—fellows full of pith and sap, and exuberant vitality, blending in those wise *cleruchiai* a certain portion of the aristocratic with the more democratic element. Not turning a rabble loose upon a new soil, but planting in the foreign allotments all the rudiments of a harmonious state, analogous to that in the mother country. Thus not only getting rid of hungry craving mouths, but furnishing vent for the waste surplus of intelligence and courage which at home is really not needed, and more often comes to ill than to good. Here only menaces our artificial embankments, but there carried off in an aqueduct might give life to a desert. For my part, in my ideal of colonisation, I should like that each exportation of human beings had, as of old, its leaders and chiefs; men to whom a certain degree of education should give promptitude, quickness, adaptability men in whom their followers could confide. The Greeks understood that. Nay, as the colony makes progress, I sometimes think it might be wise to go still further, and not only transplant to it a high standard of civilisation, but draw it more closely into connection with the parent state, and render the passage of spare intellect, education and civility, to and fro, more facile by draughting off thither the spare scions of royalty itself. I know that many of my more liberal friends would pooch pooch this notion, but I am sure that the colony altogether, when arrived to a state that would bear the importation, would thrive all the better for