

The Australian emigration is small in amount compared with the North American ; but it is greatly increasing : it is more nearly ascertainable in amount beforehand ; and it is more under Government control. With the establishment of steam communication, it will receive a still greater stimulus ; and the capabilities of those countries are such, that the distance must, for an indefinite time to come, form the only check to the emigration to them from England ; a check of which the force will be liable to constant diminution, from the necessities of the Mother Country, combined with the improvements of science.

As to the second point adverted to—the principle of aiding Infant Colonies—nothing can be more obvious than the force of its application to these Colonies. The local circumstances of each of them show, in the strongest manner, that they are but at the dawn of a long and brilliant day of material prosperity. The very establishment of all of them, but one, is within the memory of young men of the present day. New South Wales is indeed of older date ; but the memory of its earlier days of shame and of error is passing away, and it may be said to have made a fresh beginning as a civilized country within a few years past.

Then, as to our more immediate subject, it is clear that in Australia, what have been called the “ organic filaments” of a great ecclesiastical system are even now weaving, and are, of all others, the very materials which the care and the resources of a Society like ours should help to finish into a perfect work. And here, also, I believe that the rule which the present movement points to, namely, that the aid given