

" In England the young man flies to prostitution;
 " for fear of the expense of a family establishment,
 " and the, *more than probable*, extravagance of a
 " wife; celibacy is a part of prudence; it is openly
 " commended, and as steadily practised as the voice of
 " nature will allow. The married man, whose passions
 " have been stronger, whose morals have been
 " less callous, or whose interest has furnished motives
 " to matrimony, doubts whether each child be not a
 " misfortune, and looks upon his offspring with a
 " melancholy kind of affection, that embitters some
 " of the otherwise most pleasurable moments of his
 " life. There are exceptions to this, from great suc-
 " cess in the pursuits of the father; there are ex-
 " ceptions from stronger degrees of parental affection;
 " and the more sanguine look forward with stronger
 " hope: but we have seen too much not to be sa-
 " tisfied of the perfect truth of this *general* position.
 " We do not care what may be the situation in life of
 " the parents, or the rank to which they belong; from
 " the labourer at six or seven shillings per week, and
 " many thousands of such there are in Great Britain,
 " to the peer of twenty-five thousand pounds per an-
 " num; through many intermediate ranks we have had
 " too frequent occasion to observe this melancholy
 " fact.

" In the former instance, the labourer consoles him-
 " self, with tears in his eyes, for the loss of his chil-
 " dren, because *he has one or more or less to provide for*;
 " and, in the second instance, his lordship retrenches
 " his pleasures, *because he has a large family*.

" In America, particularly out of the large towns,
 " no man of moderate desires feels anxious about a
 " family. In the country, where the mass of the peo-
 " ple dwell, every man feels the increase of his family
 " to be the increase of his riches: and no farmer
 " doubts about the facility of providing for his chil-
 " dren as comfortably as they have lived, where land
 " is so cheap and so fertile, where society is so much
 " on an equality, and where the prodigious increase of
 " population, from natural and accidental causes, and
 " the improving state of every part of the country,
 " furnishes a market for whatever superfluous produce
 " he chuses to raise, without presenting incessantly
 " that temptation to artificial expense and extrava-