

compared to what he has already traversed in journeying from Europe to the West, but still over three degrees of longitude—and that State offers every desirable inducement to the emigrant, fully equalling, if not exceeding, those of British Columbia.

Before speaking of these, let us answer a possible objection—that Minnesota is in the United States, and, though distant from the scene of conflict, still involved in the destinies of a country at present the scene of a civil war, unexampled for its extent and for the interests involved.

No one can witness with more profound emotion than ourselves the continuation of a contest, which has beggared hearts of joy; devastated regions of productive country; swept away the strong and the youthful ere their time; and brought misery and sorrow to an unparalleled extent to almost every home on that continent.

It is not our province to touch upon the political aspects which it presents. Our mission is not the sword; our purpose is not war, but peace. To see the rich corn and wheat waving over vast plains that now offer wild flowers to greet the explorer is the object of writing this pamphlet.

America is a giant, young, strong, vigorous, and active; she can bear blows and reverses commensurate with that strength. The war may paralyze her strength for a time; her energies may be temporarily exhausted; but when the angel of love shall plant the olive branch of peace in her heart, when the weapons of death and war shall be laid aside, and the soldier shall become the civilian, and, like the ancient Roman, turn the sword into a plough-share, the innate strength remaining will soon bring about recuperation. The wealth of America is in her soil, and imbedded in her rocks. War may destroy life, depopulate cities, play havoc with flocks and herds, smite the cotton and corn from the surface of the earth, and sweep the ocean of commerce. These things may retard progress; it can only be for a time, while, with renewed strength, she is collecting her energies to continue her march in the career of progress. The fertile soil, to produce, and the great rivers, to transport from every inland acre, still remain.

And now let us answer another objection. In the first place, be it remarked that no alien is in the United States liable to either conscription or the payment of any sum to secure his immunity from serving as a soldier in the army. The taking up of the responsibility of citizenship, being entirely a voluntary matter, may be delayed for many years or never consummated. In the meantime, the foreigner enjoys all the privileges possessed by the native, except such as the not particularly desirable ones of serving on juries, performing militia duty, &c.; also of holding office. His position is indeed, in some respects just now, better than that of the native-born citizen. This paragraph has only been admitted in consideration of the very general ignorance and, what is still worse, misrepresentation prevailing in Europe on the subject. Not