

## CHAPTER XVII

### How can the European Need for Emigration be satisfied without International Com- munism ?

“To prevent overcrowding would be the first work of a rightly educational State system. To see that baby, boy, and man had everywhere their Play-grounds.

“Imagine all the energies and resources we now spend for war, spent in energetic, adventurous, lovingly national colonization—fighting with ice, with desert, and with sea. Binding sand, breaking ice, building floating gardens—instead of ships of the line.

“And for many a day to come, you would not have men, nor women, nor children *enough* for your work. . . .”

RUSKIN, 1873.

#### A. THE NUMERICAL PROBLEM

**E**MIGRATION is not the only way in which unemployment in Europe may be reduced. The population of England and Wales has grown from 12,000,000 in 1820 to 38,000,000 in 1920; and this enormous increase has been rendered possible by many inventions, and high skill in administration. The maintenance of so dense a population at the beginning of the last century would have been impossible. Steam ocean transport brings in food and raw materials from abroad, and the invention of machinery has turned much of England and southern Scotland into a factory. Further inventions might render possible another large increase in the supporting power of the British Isles, and by the growth of our export trade keep all the people in full employment. Progress on these lines is the ideal.