

towns, is so completely occupied with them, that it is extremely difficult to find an unimproved track whereon to locate.

Further, though "*it cannot be settled by those who have not the command of labor,*" and "*to the farmer who has no help, Kansas is, of all, the least desirable country,*" the name of just that description of settlers is legion, and "the cry is still they come." From Lawrence to Topeka, the traveller is never out of sight of the dwelling, or cornfield of such a settler; and let him direct his steps whithersoever he may, towards the Wakarusa, up the Kansas, along the Big Blue, on the banks of their numerous tributaries, down upon the Neosho, in the Osage country, or elsewhere, the well tilled land, the cultivated fields, the luxuriant crops of grain, all betoken that the indomitable will, the untiring energy, the persevering industry, the unceasing activity of *freemen* have placed their ineffaceable stamp upon the soil; and the humble dwellings as unmistakeably show that those freemen belong to the class who *are dependent on their own unaided labor,* for prosperity and success. It is the bone, and sinew, and muscle of the "*poor men,*" the sturdy yeomanry of the land, which have wrought such astonishing changes, in such an almost incredibly brief space of time; of "*poor men,*" by whom it is asserted, "*in no instance has prairie land been first settled,*" and of whom it is declared to be "*just possible for one here and there to make a farm on a prairie, after a country is settled and every facility afforded.*"!!! Men, poor, perhaps in purse, but rich in the mental, moral, and physical resources which in reality constitute men, and without which, even with the wealth of Cræsus, they would be poor indeed.

Of some of the principal settlements we have named, there are subjoined brief and hasty sketches; our limits not warranting us in going much into detail, nor in specially noticing all of them, however gratifying it might be to us.