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Directions

A Desire to form an acquaintance with the whole comprehensive, is natural to the youthful mind. . . . The student to enlarge the understanding, at the same time that it forms action upon the great theatre of the world. — *Cosmorama*

[Soon] British enterprise shall have fully developed the colonies and shall have welded together the colonies and by the most indissoluble of all ties — that of blood relations Hobson, *South African Stories*¹

In the late eighteenth century, the impulse to catalog a charts extended from the pages of encyclopedias to the practices of ethnographers, naturalists, and cartographers. As has shown, the visibility of power is essential to its developing classification diagrams that were “both a test of knowledge” (148). Models of knowledge display the distribution and analysis are clear at a glance, facilitate working according to this paradigm, postcolonial critics a cartography itself can [31/32] be read as another instrument and thereby knowing territory and the peoples who live science from anthropology to botany to cartography relationships between data. A precedent for this was set work on botanical classification during this period. Lin plants according to the number and size of their reproductive effectively solved a problem that had long troubled botanists that he established a pattern by which other living things carefully plotted grid: nineteenth-century scientists could ascend from the minerals, through vegetables, animal beings” (Augstein, 60).

The classification of human beings that followed proceeded with what Robert Young has termed an “obses

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Notes

1. The chapter epigraphs are from Jehoshaphat Aspin, *Cosmorama: The Manners, Customs, and Costumes of All Nations of the World, Described* (1827; London: John Harris, 1834), vi; and Mrs. Carey Hobson, *South African Stones* (London: Religious Tract Society, 1887), v-vi.

2. Geographers and theorists have applied Foucault's analysis of classificatory schema to the study of maps as well, showing that cartographic documents were made to function as instruments that displayed imperial power. Rob Shields defines "the marginal places" as those that have been placed "on the periphery of cultural systems of space in which places are ranked relative to each other." Shields, *Places on the Margin: Alternative Geographies of Modernity* (New York: Routledge, 1991),

3. As J. B. Harley writes "'Text' is certainly a better metaphor for maps than the mirror of nature. Maps are a cultural text: not one code but a collection of codes, few of which are unique to cartography." Harley, "Deconstructing the Map" in *Writing Worlds: Discourse, Text and Metaphor in the Representation of Landscape*, ed. Trevor J. Barnes and James S. Duncan (London: Routledge, 1992), 238. The codes of imperial space were transmitted through the reading of

placed into categories and subcategories by races and the and classification of human beings sprang from both a need to categorize the world and an urgent need to assure European peoples they sought to colonize. As Europeans came to understand ethnographic, commercial, and military — with other administrators and especially writers for children struggling in a way that would support their domination of other imperial science had practical as well as ideological uses. Stoler has called "the psychological scaffolding for colonial rule" (27). Science, wittingly or unwillingly, codified imperial ideology, and its hypotheses about racial origins were upon to support political and military policies.

Collusion between these scientific discourses and practices has been subject to critical attention since the rise of postcolonial studies. Homi Bhabha asserts, "The object of colonial discourse is to construe the colonized as a population of degenerate types in order to justify conquest and to establish systems of control" (70). Though this seems to make sense in terms of the way that colonialism was actually transmitted, especially before the high imperialism of an incomplete puzzle. The understudied primer texts of the nineteenth century constitute an important piece of the puzzle of collusion between imperialism and science in literature for

Though their voices may not have been welcome at the time, such as E.R. (Elizabeth Roberts; *Geography and History: A Family Tour through the British Empire and The Continent* (A Panorama of Europe and Africa Described in the Geographical Present), and Jehoshaphat Aspin (the pseudonym of the author who wrote *Cosmorama*)⁷ could and did bring the discourse of lettered men with a child audience of future imperialists. I provided the scaffolding for Britain's imperial expansion into midcentury in the primers of Favell Lee Mortimer Boscawen (*Conversations on Geography*). In ways that are unexamined, these writers mustered a variety of rhetorical strategies to promote racial difference and promoting imperial ideology, yet the imperial governance based in a model of familial respectability for children could be perfected and shaped by a firm parent or

Within this highly charged imperial-scientific context, Venning took up her pen. Like her early-nineteenth-century contemporary Wakefield, Venning seems to have been a woman who chose a socially acceptable career of writing for the young. Her feelings about her work is difficult, given the few, bare lines of her work can be framed as subject to social constraints. Her scientific career but would have presented no such obstacles toward a pedagogical purpose. Early in her writing career, she framed her work in the literary marketplace. Her book, *Designed for Young Persons above Twelve Years of*

geography primers. Also see Paul Carter, *Road to Botany Bay: An Essay in Spatial History* (London: Faber, 1987).

7. The unknown female author who utilized the pseudonym "Jehoshaphat Aspin" and "a Lady" also published works on astronomy, history, sports, manners, "trades' calculators," and naval exploits, as well as *The Geo-Chronology of Europe* (1806).

8. "Catalogue for October 1811." *The Monthly Review; or Literary Journal, Enlarged* (ed. George Edward Griffiths) 46 (September-December 1811): 209-10.

11 Mary and Eliza Kirby tell English readers, "We are in the Temperate Zone. Here people can work hard, and not feel the worse for it. They can build great cities, and work with machines, and lead very active lives. The great nations of Europe are in the North Temperate Zone." Kirby and Kirby, *Pictures and Scenes from Far-Off Lands* (1869; London: T. Nelson and Sons, 1888), 15. By contrast, in the Frozen Zone, "They have no fields of corn, and no machines to work with, and no books to read. No great nations are found in the Frozen Zone. It is too cold almost to live" (16). Climate-based superiority is also reinforced in the century in a children's card game, Sutton's *Geography Cards, Consisting of Physical, Political, and Commercial Maps, with Full Tabulations to Correspond*, ed. Arthur Montefiore, with maps by E. A. Reeves (London: n.p., 1892). The instructions for the game maintain that it adheres to the "principle recommended by the Royal Geographical Society, and the highest Educational Authorities, namely, that the Political and commercial developments of Geography are based on the Physical character of the Earth's surface." By correlating positionality as an a priori right to rule, the cards establish a divine right to empire.

13. American readers may be unaware of the charged racial history of the term "Copper" or "Kaffir," considered a racist designation roughly equivalent to the word "nigger" in the United States. I have retained the term to allow the language of the primers to speak to British ideas

people on their moral and social development, was dismally yet also dangerously transgressive in an issue of *Mon* stated,

The fair author has composed it according to the plans of Mr. Edgeworth's book on 'Practical [33/34] Education': system too far when she describes a girl who receives education as her brother, and is afterward taken into a school and made a clerk in her father's counting house!⁸

The writer of this review emphasizes that a woman's education in the private sphere rather than provide her with the skills and knowledge to end, it is also significant that the reviewer credits Richa author of *Practical Education*. Though one cannot know how may have influenced Venning, it is striking that her future work on adapting scientific theories for young readers, an acceptable womanly duty but still insistent upon important scientific conclusions.

Her most successful work, *A Geographical Present of the Principal Countries of the World; with Representations of Their Inhabitants in Their Respective Costumes, Beautified*, blends quantitative statistics about manufactures and judgments about national greatness. This combination published in editions in 1818 and 1820, and it was later published (1831) as three separate volumes on Europe, Asia, and Africa by William Burgess. Her later works often list her as *Present* even though the work was originally attributed to a broad circulation, launching her career as a scientific authority as an educator of the young. Venning's texts were of keepsake quality with red morocco bindings and gold-edged editions and featuring hand-colored plates to illustrate various regions in her geography text.

Venning compiled *A Geographical Present* from the reports of missionaries, travelers, and geographers, spending only a small amount of money. As a result, the writing is choppy at times, with seemingly various sources. In one instance, she observes, "Goa was the East, and the first mart in the Indies; but it has declined in splendor. It is inhabited by Portuguese, mulattoes, and various nations are seen there. The climate is very unhealthy" (34). It seems initially disjointed and confusing (what does [34/35] mean with the racial makeup of the inhabitants and the climate? The sentence implies a causal relationship in which the decline of the peoples who become "strangers" and create an "unhealthy" social interaction. As this example suggests, even though they could travel to make firsthand field observations, they could do so in subtle ways that allowed them to make claims about racial privilege.

Venning begins the text by organizing her human da

about racial superiority. The racial charge of this term is in keeping with the imperial policies recommended by the primers. In her research on the term, T. Lilly notes that prevalence in nineteenth-century histories and geographies of Africa result, a series of "confused distinctions" arising from attempts to subdivide Africans into categories:

"Negroes were put forward as different to Bantus and Kafirs as a sub-branch of the Bantus." Lilly, "The Black African in Southern Africa: Images in British School Geography Books," in *The Imperial Curriculum: Racial Images and Education in the British Colonial Experience*, ed. J.A. Mangan (London: Routledge, 1993), 45. The term originated as a name for peoples on the eastern frontier; "Bantu" came into use from 1890 to 1975, "Negro" spans the whole period until 1970, and "African" came into use in 1935, becoming widely adopted after 1950 (Lilly, "Black African," 47).

14 Unlike monogenists who believed that all human beings were part of one family descended from Adam and Eve, polygenists contended that human races emerged after the great flood from separate surviving groups in mountainous regions in Africa, Asia, and Europe. A variation on this theory was German doctor and professor Johann Friedrich Blumenbach's contention that after the flood, climate and geography produced changes in the surviving groups of human beings, resulting in five different human varieties: Caucasians, Ethiopians, Malays, Mongols, and Americans. The Caucasian hypothesis was also advocated by [Georges Cuvier](#), a Parisian anatomist, paleontologist, and natural historian who based his studies on bone structure rather than skin color, arguing that bones were crucial because they were sheltered from environmental influences. Arguments about the number of races, types, or species that emerged from the deluge ranged broadly, so that at midcentury, Darwin noted that estimations varied from Kant's four races to Blumenbach's five to Morton's twenty-two and Burke's sixty-three.

18. In the late eighteenth century, there was much debate about racial purity and strength and even discussion about

text divides the world into Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. After establishing her cartographic ethos with the earth which is situated between 10 degrees west and extends from 36 degrees to 72 degrees north latitude, she proceeds in the rest of the paragraph to build on this with boundaries and numbering its seacoasts. Though this available to Venning or her readers from dozens of text audiences, what she does next indicates that her authorial synthesizing and simplifying materials from various sources weighs facts and assigns meaning within her system.

Venning continues in a sudden departure from qualitative value judgments:

Europe is the least extensive of the four great divisions inhabitants have made the most decisive advancement in ornamental arts, and in general civilization. It is also excellency of its government and its laws; but above all of the Christian religion throughout the Continent" [Europe

Venning moves seamlessly from a discussion of England's statement of its supremacy, suggesting perhaps that its prior positioned it to rule.¹¹ From Europe, Venning next particular, describing its physical situation, its climate, and greatness: "London, the capital of the kingdom, is situated on the Thames, 60 miles from the sea; and with respect to literature, and charitable institutions, surpasses all other cities" (*World*, 11). As in the prior statement about England, she encourages unsophisticated readers to draw subjective conclusions from quantifiable, though often unrelated, facts about place and time as an important and cagey rhetorical strategy on Venning's part.

While her preference for England may be understood as zeal, when the topic turns to Africa, the statements and implications that are more troubling. Classifying Africa as "III. Africa, I), rather than according it equal status and position as a continent, Venning sets up the relationship between that would begin dividing it into territories by the end of the period, effectively commodifies Africa as a rich source of human beings for the benefit of European colonizers. In the process, stipulating that "Guiana has five divisions, viz. — Brazil; Spanish Guiana, belonging to the Republic of France; French Guiana, and Dutch Guiana" (*World*, 151). Consider the readers were introduced to Africa or America as a territory belonging to a European imperial power, rather than prior territories and nations in their own right.

Venning also introduces Africans to readers by cl

whether people of mixed race could indeed go on to produce fertile children. In his *History of Jamaica* (1774), for example, Edward Long, a slave owner, insisted that the fertility of mixed-race people diminished through the generations. The question over whether mixed race people could reproduce also preoccupied Carl Linnaeus in the eighteenth century, and in the nineteenth century, the argument was made by Samuel Morton and Robert Knox, whose *Races of Man* (1850) stated, "Nature produces no mixes; no hybrids, neither in man nor animals. When they accidentally appear they soon cease to be. For they are either non-productive, or one or other of the pure breeds speedily predominates, and the weaker disappears." Knox, *Races of Man, in Mixed Race" Studies: A Reader*, ed. Jayne O. Ijekwunigwe (London: Routledge, 2004), 38. Knox contended that the Spanish conquistadores produced mixed-race offspring with the indigenous population and this issue subsequently did not survive. There are many problems with this argument, of course; Knox fails to consider the social and cultural problems that a mixed-race child, often a product of forcible and violent rape, would have in both the indigenous and white communities.

20. Jayne O. Ijekwunigwe describes eugenics as a "scientific mission" that aimed to eradicate "inferior and unfit 'races'" while simultaneously elevating "superior 'races,'" based on the belief that intelligence, criminality and other social traits were . . . determined exclusively by heredity." Ijekwunigwe, introduction to *"Mixed Race" Studies*, 13.

26. Barbara Hoiland, *Panorama of Europe: A New Game of Geography* (1813; London: A. K. Newman and Co., 1828). In one instance, the same book was passed down among family members, showing how it remained relevant even without the updates. Inscribed on the first blank page of the 1828 copy in the University of Florida's Baldwin Collection was the following: "Miss Margaret Both given to her by Miss Wilson as a reward for good conduct November 4" Such evidence suggests that Hoiland's less conventional geographical text might have been used alongside more rigorous textbooks in the classroom, in a daunt

less: the Moors, the Negroes, and the Caffres:¹³ "The handsome features, lofty stature, olive complexion, and black skin, round heads, projecting faces, flat noses, the latter unite the leading characteristics of the other two expressive features of the Moor, with the woolly hair and Negro" (*Africa*, 8-9). In organizing human data according to Venning's methodology is akin to the ways that other animals.

Taken alone, this classification scheme might be context alongside Venning's later work, it shows that her data is continuous with her methodology [36/37] in classified in three texts written for young people: *A Botanical Catalogue the Linnean Arrangement to Children, etc.* (1825) *Designed as a Familiar Introduction to the Science, with Explanatory Plates, and References to the Collections in the British Museum* (1826); and *Rudiments of Mineralogy Designed as a Familiar Introduction to the Study of Minerals in the British Museum* (1826) *Added a Short Introduction to the Study of Fossils* (1826) into at least one more edition in 1837. This text in particular was aimed at a young audience; her stated intention in the text was to compare Linnaeus and [Jean-Baptiste Lamarck](#) to aid young persons in understanding Venning's conversance with the scientific arguments of the time; in this framework, Venning's work becomes more erudite, cosmopolitan, and seemingly to be nothing more than singular overwrought with all the texts discussed in this chapter, was to explore the relationships between human beings of different nations; to display the connections in a transparent manner but also to reveal a hierarchy that would support imperial privilege.

Venning represents Africans categorically as people of a lower degree from enhanced commercial and religious contact with such an extent of sea-coast, and watered by several large rivers, to share extensively in the advantages of commercial intercourse. Venning points out the advantages to Britain in establishing a firm connection with the Cape sections, while describing the inhabitants, their crops, and the Cape as a promising watering place for British ships or more unequivocally, "The interior of Africa offers a wide field for the exertion of our zeal. Possessing few of the arts of civilized life, debased by the natives are in general Pagans, or rendered more profane by the Mahomet" (*Africa*, 9). Here, the lack of religious instruction and the arts of civilized life"; Venning points out specifically specific, modest clothing choices and sanitation. In Cairo Venning describes the city: "The environs of the city are [37/38] dirt and rubbish, while the multitude of tombs, are not only offensive to the sight and smell" (*Africa*, 19).

Yet not every European nation can be trusted with the Africans to the benefits of Christianity, European habits, and represents the motives of rival imperial powers as not a

school, or possibly in the nursery by a governess. Below this, another dedication, written in a different hand, with less faded ink, reads "to [Muriel?] F. Archie from Aunt Margaret," offering the possibility that "Miss Margaret Beth" presented the same entertaining and educational volume that she had enjoyed as a child to her niece or nephew.

28. Though written before Victoria's accession, Hopland's text offers an interesting model for symbolic female authority. Throughout the nineteenth century, popular images of Britannia and Victoria offered a portable stock of icons for female power and authority. Though "hidden in plain view for a hundred years . . . [Queen Victoria was always] at the center of Victorian cultures around the globe" (Margaret Homans and Adrienne Munich, introduction to *Remaking Queen Victoria*, ed. Homans and Munich [Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997], 1). Both Victoria and Britannia present examples of maternal authorities whose influence directed and pervaded the imperial project, contributing to the consolidation of the imagined mother country.

41. Aspin's primer was also revised, although in her case, for an American audience by John Lauris Blake. In its fifth edition by 185[?], *A View of the World, as Exhibited in the Manners, Costumes, & Characteristics of All Nations* was listed as originally written by J. Aspin "and now improved and adapted to the use of American schools," weighing in at 408 pages as compared to the 232-page original.

45. Benedict Anderson has written memorably about the stakes of nation making in *Imagined Communities*. Anderson contends that the dispersal of nationalist rhetoric fosters a "deep, horizontal comradeship" that enables "so many millions of people, not so much to kill, as willingly to die for such limited imaginings" (7). This comradeship was fostered by the machinery of nationalism, which Anderson identifies: the production of shared folklore, language, and cultural traditions as codified by maps, museums, and censuses. I would add geography primers to that list because of the ways in which they instilled a nationalist consciousness in young

speaks proudly of the colony of Sierra Leone, established "for objects of philanthropy rather than commercial" detail how this promising enterprise was plundered by the colonists reduced to the most destitute condition" (Venning notes that the company resumed its work "to make arts of civilization, and to rescue them from habits of barbarism" (*World*, 125-26). With this example, Venning's paternalistic imperial relationships in which indigenous peoples from other imperial nations but also from their own nations are in contrast with the British, rival imperial nations are represented as perpetrators of religious oppression: the Spanish Inquisition "for the cruelties which it has inflicted" (*World*, 100); or as a source of world of disinterested information: the Portuguese, "who on the west coast, exclude all others with the most jealous care, and with the most knowledge respecting it" (*Africa*, 83); or as instigators of violence: the Congo peoples are represented as having become "treacherous" after trading extensively with the Dutch (*World*, 100).

Yet at times, Venning's syntax suggests that race and rival imperial powers, produces objectionable behaviors in natives are of very black complexion; they seldom wear clothes. They possess some degree of talent, but are thick-skinned. The sentence structure, the thievishness of the people is listed. skin tone. In addition, no attempt here is made to qualify the generalization is made to cover men, women, and children. Venning employs this technique when discussing the inhabitants of Senegal in relation to the Senegalese. Venning again generalizes about [38/39] physical characteristics and then adding on other physical characteristics: "The negroes of Congo are well made, with lips less thick than those of Senegal, and are accused of ignorance, superstition, and licentiousness" (38). The greatness is made to follow a statement of its Latin name. The Congolese character follows a description of bodily form: "The people whose skin color is less dark (hence closer by degree to the white) whose character of the people is represented as less immoral than the Senegalese: "In features the Hottentots resemble the negroes, but the skin is more brown than black: they are well-made, mild, humane, and industrious" (*World*, 132). In a similar move, Venning distances the Africans by stating, "The natives are of a fine shape, with straight noses, not, like the negroes, flat noses and thick lips. They are industrious, and prevents their progress in the arts of civilized life" (*World*, 100). In the section, and a new heading, "Negroland," moves on to

These statements are culled from various short sections on different territories, no single one of which provides a sustained or engaged investigation into the culture of the peoples. On the whole, together do patterns of rhetoric begin to emerge. Venning's primer provides insight into the ways through which imperial ideology was disseminated as well as evidence for the ways in which well-read women could apply the knowledge and expertise they had acquired in museums, or collecting specimens. Venning also utilizes

readers.

56. Measuring space with one's own body is an ancient practice; Henri Lefebvre points out that the terms of spatial measurement are calibrated on the body: feet, cubits, hands — so that "space, along with the way it was measured and spoken of, still held up to all the members of a society an image and a living reflection of their own bodies." Lefebvre, *The Production of Space*, trans. Donald Nicholson-Smith (Oxford, UK: Blackwell, 2000), 111. This ancient practice of measurement is manifested in nineteenth-century geography primers that rely on the expression of comparative relationships between the English national body and others to demonstrate the power and privilege of the English body.

57. A wonderful visual example of relationships, resemblances, and the privileges accorded to the English national body is Dante Gabriel Rossetti's painting *The Beloved*, which features a fair Englishwoman's face surrounded and framed by a range of differently raced faces. The centering strategy was also at work in geography primers and table games.

63. Britain's interest in China is best characterized as imperial rather than colonial; unlike India, where the empire had a strong foothold, China remained sovereign but was subject to the powerful sway of British commercial and trade power, as seen during the [Opium Wars](#) (1840-42 and 1858-60); the results of the first Opium War included the ceding of Hong Kong to British control, however, as well as the opening of five ports to Britain and limitations on import/export duties.

64 British primer writers attempted to trace the genealogy of their imperial family back to ancestral precedents, particularly Greece, Rome, and Egypt. As McClintock states, "nations are symbolically figured as domestic genealogies" (357), as fatherlands or motherlands that inherit the past and give birth to the future. The Victorians were fascinated with historical and imaginary lost empires, drawing connections between these vanished civilizations and their own moment

(common to other primers in the period) to establish and organizes and catalogs human beings as data, she provides guidance to ameliorate existing vices that are part of imperial rivals and their fitness for colonial rule. As a result of imperial claims made in the text and of the rhetoric that make them, Venning's text will be an important case study in this chapter, contextualized within the framework of prevailing gender, and child rearing. Venning's interest in cataloging troubling to modern audiences, should [39/40] be considered in the context of Darwinian debates about the origin of human beings; the idea that all races evolved from a single source as the monogenists proposed, as the polygenists maintained was a hotly contested issue of significance not only for science but also for imperial politics.

While dispersing European culture, commerce, and often engaged with local populations in unscripted ways, the presence of mixed-race offspring whose claims to European citizenship and ideological difficulties. Venning's system of classification and typed racial features began to break down as generations began to blend distinct cultural experiences and racial markers. Those who sought to preserve clear distinctions between themselves and others and privilege. These tensions had reached a boiling point in Harriette McDougall's account of her life as the wife of a settler in Sarawak, near Borneo. In a series of letters written to her mother and later published as *Letters from Sarawak*, McDougall's letters of Malacca are a "curious mixture" of Portuguese, Malay, and reflecting the range of imperial interests in the region. McDougall's alliances displays her anxiety about how to classify herself and others. She explains that the races "are so intermingled, that you cannot see an old Malay grandmother dressed in her sarong and language, she will introduce you to her son, a dutch boy, a Hollander, whose half English wife will tell you that her child should be educated." While you are wondering whether the 'home' you hear that it is England, which place, neither parents nor you saw" (130-31). The act of mapping these relationships and stipulate who may claim access to notions of "Britishness" may be validated. While the children of English families were urged to identify England as home, the same privilege was not granted to subjects, especially those of mixed-race parentage. McDougall's "mixture of races" she [40/41] encountered in Malay was a proprietary claim to notions of "home" and "Britishness" in an oft-colonized population to craft a new identity recognizing that with such allegiance will come imperial power. Her research on mixed-race offspring in the Dutch colony was a valuable commodity" (48-49).

In addition to the census problem posed by a mixed-race population, the abstract notion of racial purity propounded by those who argued that separate human origins should be maintained. Arthur de Gobineau's racial divisions — the white (Caucasian, Semitic, Japhetic)

power. This fascination is evident in Pre-Raphaelite preoccupations with Greek and Roman settings and characters; in the primers, such comparisons were rhetorically invoked to demonstrate Britain's assured cultural and moral supremacy. The Egyptian empire offered primer writers an appropriate analogue years earlier and so offered no immediate rival to Britain's imperial ambitions, which included large tracts of Africa, especially after the discovery of diamonds in South Africa in 1867; the building of the Suez Canal in 1869, which opened a gateway to India and East Africa; and the discovery of gold in Africa in the 1880s. Egypt had strategic importance on the world stage, as indicated by the British occupation of Egypt between 1882 and 1907. As both a vanished empire analogous to Britain's historical ambitions and as a site of present fertile possibility for commercial and cultural gain, Egypt was an important marker in the primers' network of relational geography. Though in need of Britain's help in its nineteenth-century state, Egypt's past glories presented both a cautionary tale about the maintenance of imperial vigilance and a possible genealogical precedent for the type of empire the Britons could build.

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yellow (Altaic, Mongol, Finnish, Tartar) — warned of the distinct to preserve the superior beauty and physical strength of others (146). He contended that "the peoples who are not but do not attain it. Those who are most akin to us suggesting a racial hierarchy privileging the white race closest to it as nearer to the ideal of beauty, strength, stamina. Gobineau's warning that humankind is incapable underscored by his assertion that if the white race were to lose its power would diminish and its "monopoly of beauty, would be compromised."¹⁸ In addition to representing, as I have argued, an assault on the Enlightenment theses of the perfectibility theories had real effects in the world and shaped imperial practice. In turn-of-the-century Britain, Gobineau's ideas laid the groundwork for [Francis Galton](#), [Charles Darwin's](#) cousin, dubbed "eugenics" to elevate and privilege superior races over others that are inferior. Hotze, a translator of Gobineau's work, was chosen by the British to intervene in the American Civil War. Hotze's *Confederate* paper in London to draw a line between the two generations back, has been proud of its closer affinity with the South, than the North, with its mongrel compound of the two worlds, could boast of" (106). Hotze attempted to draw a line between India and Southerners' practice of slavery, employing the language of race and ethnography. In addition to reaching across the Atlantic, racial purity are also thought to have influenced Adolf Hitler's *Final Solution*: the extermination of Jews, Gypsies, the disabled, as well as the forced sterilization of German Aryan children (106).

The bottom line here is that ideas about race and difference in Venning's were not merely idle philosophical or physiological speculation about political or social life. Instead, they were instrumental in how other races were regarded, governed, and evangelized by administrators, and missionaries. Primers present a unique opportunity to study how these ideas and policies were put into practice. However, a close examination of numerous primers shows a close Lockstep with imperial policy or with prevailing character. Pacific Islanders as subhuman. To uphold, as many primers argued, the model (which contended that human beings derived from a common ancestor of the same Family of Man) was in many ways a radical departure with implications it held for imperial practice. While the theory offered a model for a type of colonialism that did not require acknowledgment of relationships, affiliation, or shared ancestry, the monogenesis model dictated a different practice of governance for the family, white imperialists — particularly, nationalized white imperialists — familial responsibility to improve their colonial children's cultural ideas, manners, government, and religion. Those who argued that this model represents the negative paternalism that have come to be associated with the imperial system, and this logic also suggests the belief that Asian, African, and minds that were capable of improvement as a result

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ideas, manners, government, and religion. Though still probably actually more progressive than the perception that midcentury insurrections in Jamaica and [India](#) led to the other races were "lesser breeds without law" (in [Kipling's](#) taught and were not construed as appreciative or work culture. In some sense, then, the will to colonize may in part at least represented in the primers as — an Enlightenment progress.

“Mother, May I?” The Mother Country and

For primer writers and their readers, whose experience of colonial populations were probably few, the easiest and most hierarchy, and authority existed in the readily available model governed over by a strong patriarch with a firm and compassionate hand whose duties included the daily disciplining, teaching, and control of unruly or disobedient children. By adopting the rhetorical talk about complex issues of subjugation, colonization, and empire, present readers with readily comprehensible models of power.

In her critical work, Anne McClintock has dated the trope to the publication of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. "Britain's emergent national narrative took increasing shape in Darwin's evolutionary Family of Man. The family offered an model in which national difference could be shaped into a single hierarchy. This trope, while certainly gaining more currency at midcentury, Darwin's work, actually predates 1859 and has its roots in earlier contentious discourses on race in the eighteenth-century anthropology, and ethnography fields. Evidence for this is that mobilize various techniques of classification and hierarchy to privilege. Liking imperial relations to a family model is also transparent in terms of where the power and authority reside.

It is tantalizing to speculate about the degree to which the trope affected the real ways that colonies were conceptualized. The Colonial Office was created as an appendage of the Home Office, a separate office until the 1850s, paralleling the way the trope was welcomed into the Family of Man until midcentury even as it was [43/44] for independence, or Indian Mutiny as it was known. The 1865 rebellion of former slaves at Morant Bay in Jamaica, and both insurrections were dealt with did cause a public reevaluation. Nonetheless, these events signaled a sea change during which, stunned by what they perceived as a rejection of the imperial project, to subject races, Britons began to wonder whether, as [Kipling](#) wrote, "[r]eform was pointless as well as dangerous" (53). The colonialized peoples were fundamentally different from European civilization was a departure from the type of governance and

As suggested by the Home Office administration, the colonies represented as the offspring of the British home. The trope

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was to reshape these colonial children in the image of mind, one primer explains to readers that "people have other countries and settled there, and have thus colonized you were to go to many far-distant countries you would language, worshipping the same God, and having the same queen, as ourselves" (Stowe, *New Geography*, 97). rendered as a process of cultivated resemblance and facilitate this rearing of colonial children than a gender mother country?

The tableau of mother country flanked by her represented in Barbara Hoiland's *Panorama of Europe* (1813), a text that went through at least eight editions. Utilizing a narrative frame in her text, Hoiland presents children, who are engaged in learning geography, but (as complain) these children find the memorization of country principal landmarks to be tedious, repetitious, and dull. In this material, Mr. Davenport assigns each of them a commercial, and cultural features they must memorize the children must then personify their countries, appropriate costume and carrying props. In a festive oral exam, Davenport recite information about their country — the the geographic text in this primer. Elsewhere, Richard "heterosexual nuclear family was chosen as the build especially for agricultural settlement as emblemized purposes here, that metaphor also holds true: the nuclear for producing geographic discourse. The family is the world will be made known; all the members must come to

In response to their father's program, the Davenport commence squabbling over which of them will win the crown. Father Davenport intervenes by casting his wife to personify [for] she is our own country — our mother" (92). In this hand, Hoiland plots Mother Davenport as the central representation of the nation.²⁸ She ascends to this position petty squabbling like her children but because of her status mother who compels the loyalty of her child subjects mother into a stylized vision of mother country offers her female power as well as a field on which to represent world knowledge. It is endorsed by, rather than threatening to,

Readers can argue that Mother Davenport's authority Mr. Davenport is the one who dictates, organizes, and stages the children recite in their geographic play. While this remember that on another level, Mr. Davenport is Hoiland's ideas about geography as well as about the way their local family and imperial families. He not only authority over her children but also functions as Hoiland which she can ventriloquize about the potential of expressions. Mr. Davenport lauds his niece Rosa's inclusion

and Victorian Ghosts: Women's Writing and Decolonization. CHARLOTTESVILLE: UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PRESS, 1999.

ROBERTS, ELIZABETH. *Geography and History, Selected by a Lady, for the Use of Her Own Children*. 10th ed. 1790; London: Lew and Gilbert, 1815. n.p.

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_____. [Mary Anne Venning,] *A Geographical Present; Africa*. [PART III]. New York: William Burgess, 1831.

scholars, poets, and philosophers of France, saying, "God for your own sex, my little Rosa!" (54). While such praise or untoward had it come from Mrs. Davenport's mother or toward her, Mr. Davenport offers Hoiland's narrative voice, Mr. Davenport offers Hoiland's women's contributions to [46] the dysfunctional "family" does this commendation apply only to women across encourages his wife, Mother England, to follow Rosa's lead have contributed.

After questioning her about the great writers (names as Milton, Shakespeare, Byron, and others), Mr. Davenport has "omitted all female names, save in the politely deems, stating that in such a brief survey, "I did name ladies as authors, lest I should seem to place the names I have mentioned" (139). As [children's literature](#) is typical: "The conventional literary system is, after all, adult male literature dominates, women's literature recognized" (2). Yet Mother Davenport goes on to affirm right to consider their advancement in literature, when contemplated, since their ignorance or knowledge aff civilization attained by the state to which they belong" (short, benefits the nation. She goes on to note the "h Barbould, Maria Edgeworth, and Sarah Trimmer, as well Amelia Opie, Charlotte Smith, Jane West, Joanna Baillie, of [Hannah More](#), who "holds distinguished rank" because expertise (140). She then continues to enumerate: "dramatic writers of great merit; and there are numerous Meeke, Roche, &c. &c." (140).

Hoiland's emphasis on the importance of women's her prolific career, which began after she was widowed herself by penning a book of poetry. Her first child *Officer's Widow*, traverses ground that may have been experience; it is the story of a family struggling after the she married talented but inconsistent landscape artist Thomas to support her family with her industrious pen, publishing well as adults in her career, sometimes two or three a English countryside to the British empire: from *Northern Traveller* (1813), *The Barbadoes Girl* (1828) to geography [46/47] primers such as *Africa Present State* (1828) and *Richmond and Its Surroundings* was commended by Queen Charlotte and Maria Edgeworth part to the eighteenth-century rise of a profitable book of a middle class sufficiently leisured to undertake the 'i children's minds, and sufficiently affluent to pay for (Carpenter, 17). Through her writing for children, she for for her own children, functioning as the family's breadwinner the role of a more distant authority. Her most successful reached a fourteenth edition by 1826 and was reprinted biographer Dennis Butts characterizes it, it is the story of

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Wakefield, Priscilla. *The Traveller in Africa: Containing Some Account of the Antiquities, Natural Curiosities, and Inhabitants, of Such Parts of That Continent and Its Islands, as Have Been Most Explored By Europeans; The Route Traced on a Map, for the Entertainment and Instruction of Young Persons*. London: Darton, Harvey, and Darton, 1814.

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who wastes his gifts and nearly ruins his family with his
Hofland could easily have drawn from her own experience

In her novels for children and adults, including *Soi*
Widow (1814), and *Ellen the Teacher* (1815),
continually manage affairs from behind the scenes so
counterparts or hurt their husbands' feelings. The way
slippery dynamic affirms what second-wave feminists have
"began to reconceive women's sociopolitical situation as a
victimization, but as a story of survival" (Oh, 88). It is
autobiographical and literary narratives back onto the D
to direct the action and assign roles, yet Mrs. Davenport
work of the mother country: the grooming and rearing of

Considered in context with Hofland's other literary
offers insight into how Hofland's writing afforded her a
distant authority. Written a decade after *Panorama*,
celebrates female industry in the face of male ineffectual
book" (146) by Butts in "The Role of Women Writers
Hofland's novel follows a plot she would reproduce in
the story of a gentleman who lives beyond his means until
indignant but industrious daughter decides to go into
Decision (1824) offers a model for women's activity with
motivated by private, [47/48] domestic necessity. Daugh
into business as a wholesale iron merchant (interestingly
she was only three, had been an ironmonger by trade), ea
selling steel in small quantities to local artisans. She i
gain enough independence to turn down two marriage prop
Maria, Hofland elevates the support of domestic family
public sphere as she did by writing her novels and primers

Given the richness of her experience as a wage ear
her fictional works, Hofland's use of the Family of Ma
conveys to readers a sense of the connectedness of
opportunity to craft a vision of female authority on a
effectiveness of such a model is fascinating to contempla
come of age during and after [Victoria](#)'s accession, growin
had seen mapped out in their faithful primers. Additional
Anderson's quest "[t]o see how administrative units could
as fatherlands" (53). Though overlooked in the hist
Hofland's do not simply bridge administration and natio
and preserving the tension between the complicated interp
model of national and imperial authority.

Towering over her many children in the *Panoran*
is wreathed with flowers, "more emblematical of power
Europe" (14). Her power and ease are signified by the
child subjects. The children personifying Spain, Italy,
warriors, rather than active rivals. Attired in a cloak a
carrying a spear and an unstrung guitar, the child arr

clutching an imagined wound on his body politic and France“would, ere now, have completely ruined me, if I assisted me, notwithstanding I had been for many years been conducted with so much policy, and her brave arm courage and skill under Lord Wellington“ (83). Here, the in mending quarrels among her [48/49] children are in d wake of what is represented in the primer as France’s cov

The relationship between France and England du “mutual antagonism and anxiety, “ according to historian Hoiland’s *Panorama*, no one in the immediate family underscoring its estrangement from the European family children resist “appearing even for an hour her [Engl animosity toward France was certainly attributable to ti were raging while Hoiland was writing her primer; *Panor the wars would go on for another two years, until Napol 1815. The genius of Hoiland’s use of the family trope her intimate architecture of the family structure and sibi concepts such as international alliances and political c through familiar patterns of sibling rivalry and bullying result of the bullying of a forceful France, whose aggress but fair mother Britannia. As the leader of the family, only power in Europe that has made a successful stand maintained its own independence, but given aid to its distr extended protection to its enemies“ (95-96). Like any go Davenport/Britannia listens calmly to her children’s wo calm “that the affairs of Europe, so long involved in different aspect, “ thanks to her wise and timely intercess*

When not mending quarrels, Mother Davenport sti flanked by her children: “On her right hand stood Willia the ancient Highland bonnet on his head, leaning on a swor On her left stood Charley, in a beautiful green mai antiquity . . . along with a cap of liberty, which was torn i her son Scotland at her right hand and her other rebellio mother country is immediately flanked, even at home, tableau represents what Kathleen Renk has called the [49/50] family compris[ing] the superior, moral, ‘enlighte that possessed heavenly truth, and the inferior, acquie submissive child country“ (8). The child countries here hav that they can be enfolded into her imperial family; rebellion against her authority, Scotland has balanced learning, whereas Ireland’s roughshod appearance is in cap, suggesting that this country still has some growing u

Though identified as part of the British natio population had a particularly fraught relationship wi umbrella term “British, “ primer writers maintain a clea the English, noting that the Irish do so as well. The pr family, yet they trouble to make distinctions of senior

within this family. To some extent, this may have been a result of the fact that Scotland and Wales were united with England in the 1700s and brought into the family until the 1800 Act of Union. To this context, Robert Young has noted that the term *British* is an extension of English dominance over the other Kingdoms and a "symbol of illicit acts of union" (3).

Infantilized by the primers with overindulgent affection and sullen disrespect for British authority, in texts such as *Tour* (1804), the maligned Irish are strategically linked to the French: "The easy, polite manners of the higher ranks of the French" (320). By marking the Irish with French signs, the English body and its accompanying descriptors of cleanliness. Colley observes that the British "defined themselves by their imagination of the French as they imagined them to be[:] superstitious, militarist, decorated with the French is nullified by their association with or rejection of the Irish, whose unhappy domestic condition requires parody that in Horland's *Panorama*, Ireland is represented as a bedraggled and unruly little child. Dressed in a green coat and "a cap of liberty, which was torn and bloody" (14). Characterized as a child who [50/51] has mussed his clothes, tearing and bloodshed as an act of rebellion. Despite Ireland's errantry, Mother David, Under her steady guidance, he will learn to temper his appetites.

The representation of Ireland as a child requiring care in the primer writer Favell Lee Mortimer's *Near Home* (1849). In an attempt to win attention by welcoming Ireland into the family of nations and taking care, asking readers a leading question: "Does not Ireland belong to Great Britain?" (7-8). By characterizing the relationship as a caretaking one, Mortimer imposes a familial responsibility and control. As big sister, Britannia has a responsibility to take care of the child in charge. In other texts of the period, Ireland was sometimes represented as the English bridegroom; in all cases, the English mother/sister and the insistence on a family model to explain the relationship demonstrates the implicit caretaking responsibility that England has over Ireland.

If Ireland's rebelliousness represented one direction of the family, then the Americans' determined independence in the late 18th century. Jehoshaphat Aspin's *Cosmorama: The Manners, Customs, and Nations of the World, Described* (1827) maps out national resemblances to other nations, thus building connections between nations that retain information but also shore up the conception of staged resemblances between countries, much like ones used in a means of codifying particular features of national character for Americans. Aspin was an unknown female author who utilized the "Cosmorama Lady" in publishing works on astronomy, history, sports, and geography for child readers. Though keeping her antecedents cloaked in the "cosmorama" in which resemblances between countries are shown through grouping and contrasting. By building knowledge through traditional geographic enumeration of harbors and mountains.

in her introduction when she states, "Supposing my re- Geography from the Abbe Gaultier's excellent book, I them with the boundaries, divisions, and other geographica must visit: the people, not the place, now claim our atten peoples rather than the territory in which they live is a to classify races and groups and to put them into rela dynamics. It fits Mary Louise Pratt's assertion that a known not through slender lines on blank paper, but thro I would contend that territory is known and possessed n grids but also through discursive representations that se classificatory work, though using the writer's tool cartographer's coordinates.

In introducing readers to America, Aspin identifi former British colony and the dreaded French. She procla in the American character is consummate vanity, which attributed to Frenchmen" (215). Even if the terms of th deliberate (vanity), this resemblance still would not l perceived by readers as flattering to America. In Aspin' military and moral danger as well as a handy antithesis temperateness, and industriousness. Moving beyond the Aspin specifically contrasts the French with the English in the arts, and the behavior of their women: "In science, names; but does not seem to be replacing those she is equals. In medicine, she is decidedly inferior to England eminent men; but her painters and sculptors are too apt a meretricious taste and an immoral prostitution of language with which Aspin characterizes French artists talents" indeed!) as well as her hopeful prediction that th and medicine would have granted her English readers a superiority in regard to these rivals.

In associating Americans with these French rivals (t their war for independence from Britain), Aspin simultane distances the American body from too near a resembla Aspin specifically [52/53] frames the relationship betw parent-child one, yet she stipulates that once Amer resemblance between the child and its mother country immense republic was for the most part original circumstances, the present inhabitants have obtained char differing from those of the parent state" (214). Aspin est the "original" inherited British character, which the Aa character and manners "obtained" and "adopted" after t is, the American Revolution). Her use of "obtained" sugges "adopted" emphasizes again that these are not the nati These associations set up the ways in which the America successful commerce and the acquisition of wealth — rooted in the genealogical transmission of social status.

Aspin's difficulty with defining the Americans in rel

English supports Colley's assertion that "[f]or mainland (perhaps still are) mysterious and paradoxical people, close, engagingly similar yet irritatingly different" (134) by making careful distinctions between the English and the Wakefield did with the Irish. In describing the "wealthier class in large cities, as much politeness and good breeding prevail as in the best classes of Europe" (215). Aspin establishes a hierarchy equated with "most of" the generalized middle classes of

Despite the fact that primers such as Aspin's resemblance between America and its parent country, one was a different story. Though Americans had fought a revolution governmentally from their mother country, primers such as anonymously authored *A Rapid Tour* (1846), and Emil We Live On (1856) demonstrate that maintaining a cultural identity was an important and necessary for America to assume a power. Though American primer writers might be expected to characterize the British primers that figured their nation as the [53/54] mother country, in actuality, American primer writers situated their nation as the cultural center, attempting to cultivate a resemblance and a genealogy to the mother country. In her *First Geography for Children* (1855), Stowe traces the path of national origin across the Atlantic: "Then you would travel at the rate of about three hundred miles a day, for ten days; and you would reach the land. Then you would see the shores of Great Britain, where your forefathers came" (105). By erasing the "forefathers" including Spain, France, Holland, and Italy, who had colonized America, Stowe cultivates a strong family resemblance to the English mother.⁴⁵ The resemblance or relatedness of the Stowe's primer would do for a British audience, however.

Before being published in England as *A New Geography for the Young Lady* (1855), Stowe's work was revised and refocused. The work is similar, with the exception of pointed revisions of Stowe's political stance on government (monarchy versus democracy). Additionally, the relationship between Britain and America is emphasized; in the English revision, America is described as fond children who continue to dutifully follow their parents' customs: "The people living in the United States are mostly our forefathers were their forefathers; they speak the same language, worship the same God, and in many other things are like us. I wish you to learn something about America before you go, which are nearer to us" (*New Geography*, 122). The "nearer" is calculated not by physical proximity or a scale of miles, but by shared beliefs and practices. America is specifically framed in relation to England in terms of shared forefathers and cultural practices.

Stowe's primer draws a literal line on the map connecting London and New York, not only in beliefs and practices but also in importance and geography. In 1884, Greenwich, England, had been the starting place for the prime meridian, a literal ground zero, at zero degrees longitude. Stowe's A

to draw a direct [54/55] line between London and Washington using the imposed lines of latitude and longitude: "The lines of latitude in England, and through Washington, in our country, are calculated longitude. . . . [T]hese lines are from Greenwich considered a part of London, and at the bottom of the degrees these lines are from Washington" (*First Geography*). In the "nearness" issue, Stowe's primer works to show the difference between the two nations and that they are connected by lines.

Despite the attempts of English primer writers such as Stowe to connect the two countries, especially regarding issues such as religion, she insistently cultivated the supposed likeness between the mother country and the colony. By associating their burgeoning empire with the American colonies, she hoped to establish their political importance. An 1846 American primer, *The Imperial Might of England*, looks upon the American continent as "the arbiter of commerce, and superior to all other nations in knowledge. The sway of England is truly immense, extending over the whole of the globe" (7). After offering readers a gloss of this admiration, the primer relationally plots the American character, associating it with the British: "It is another thing which is a noble trait of American, as it is unfolding itself more and more; namely, a cheerful and generous disposition, to impart unto other nations the benefits of religion" (108). In light of the dawning age of American imperialism, this is a significant representation of America following the British model: "The English have a large tract of land; and in America they have a large tract of the West India Islands, and possessions high up in the Arctic frigid zone. . . . Thus one small country has gained possession of a larger than itself" (56). The tone of the primer suggests that the British acts as a model for the American to follow. [55/56]

After losing the American colonies at the end of the Seven Years' War, the British had to take a long look at their empire, which in its new form was not only by the colonies in Canada and Australia, but also by territories such as India and South Africa. The British did not have the advantage of numbers. Here again, it is the British as a Panopticon with its vision of the Davenport parents overruled, by their colonial children. Mother Davenport, who rears them to virtue, and refines them to elegance, but also, and bids the children of many a distant land to follow her example. The appeal of this model of benevolent motherhood that she offers is seen in the case of the Dutchman's illegitimate son in 1816 and raise him as her own. Mother Davenport absorbs foreign children into her family, and then increasing her brood across the oceans in an attempt to "refine" child countries and "rear them

colonized as children, the primer writers were not simply arguing that these non-European peoples were capable of argument in which polygenecists were not invested. After a children's culture have shown, Enlightenment writers saw which a fully rational and moral being would duly educators did their job properly" (Сарпентер, 7). This vision, and also to whom, its parents and educators maternal and familial imagery in primers such as symbolic and practical vision of the imperial enterprise image of the colonized as unruly, though perfectible, child century.

Hopland's Mother Davenport demonstrates the contemplates her extended imperial family and enclaves: "In the East Indies our possessions are increased we have obtained several islands, formerly possessed possessions in America, [56/57] including immense fisheries of commercial interests is linked to the promulgation of authorial addendum promises "a general state of prosperity commensurate with the interests of this extended empire" Britain's family of empire will increase as the century proceeds Victoria would later encourage after her ascension emphasizes Victoria's impact as a specifically gendered "lily-white mother figure, she is the resplendent, chaste, hallowed hearth, the quintessential angel in the house, the home" (7). Stationed by the hearth, surrounded by her mother country builds on the domestic authority of English rear children with a firm hand, strong morals, and clear

Sibling Rivalry: A Map of European Brethren

If proper management, discipline, and supervision on the the keys to producing dutiful, respectful, and industrious were quick to point out the ways that other European territories where the English had competing interests. Take such example. Dutch interests in South Africa conflicted and development. The two nations engaged in almost a century beginning with the British taking possession of the Cape (been colonized by the Dutch for 140 years. After briefly British regained it in 1806, setting off a series of conflicts invasions that would culminate in the [Boer Wars](#) at the end the primers were attuned to these conflicts and represented rival powers seeking territorial prowess but as contests governance. A series of brief examples of primer representations practices in the first half of the century, when taken out primers and placed side by side, present a pattern, a common primer writers presented British imperial practices and methods. [57/58]

In 1816, a primer written by "A Lady" represents

beings" who are "very fond of drinking, smoking, and si
Dutch cannot regulate their appetites, the premier ma
responsible for restraining the appetites of the colon
about the same time, is even more decided in her gloss o
Africa, a text written as the travelogue of Arthur Middl
would have been familiar with from Wakefield's other
Family Tour through the British Empire (first pu
edition in 1840), which focus on the travels of the Middl
his African travels, remarking on trade, settlements, a
enduring captivity at one point. Relying on the authori
Wakefield makes strong pronouncements about the Du
Africa. Her description characterizes the Boer planter
extensive domain; and he lords it over a few miserabl
control; his pipe scarcely ever quits his mouth, except to
of strong spirits, to eat his meals, and to take his nap a
African planter: devoted to sensual gratifications, he
cattle" (256). The planter is described here chiefly in te
his pipe, strong spirits, and meals. As we have seen, too
the appetites may lead, at worst, to other forms of "se
ardent a love for the satisfaction of appetites is asso
spending time conciliating his workers, the planter "lords
lives miserable.

To ensure that readers comprehend that colonialis
that poor management is the problem, Arthur stipulates
industriousness, Africans can transform their homeland
country village. He describes one settlement where M
working: "Every part of the settlement showed marks of in
plain building, the corn-mill is a good one, and the gar
vegetables. The Hottentots live in huts, dispersed over
garden, and furnished with the comforts of an English c
support themselves by their own [58/59] labour, and exa
their natural indolence" (289). The benefits of imperia
details: the orderly appearance of the community, the i
properties dispersed appropriately, and the cultivation an
Wakefield's description points out the moral elevation of
the presence of the church and the regulation of the "nati

Her description of a successful community suggest
not only on conquering territory and amassing wealth b
and minds of the people and introducing them to the less
industry. Her narrator explains to readers, "In this age
entertained, that a friendly intercourse between the Eu
country may one day be established, when, by the light
latter may be opened to receive the precepts of Christian
traffic in men, the number of commodities may be incre
of the productions congenial to each climate promote
(335). What is notable about the hope voiced here is its e
of mankind, " in other words, the belief that both African
same Family of Man, and as such the English have a res

instruction" while simultaneously initiating a "congenial" not depend on the degraded traffic in human flesh. As a Wakefield could use moments such as this in her text especially regarding slavery. Arthur asserts that oth [abolish the slave trade](#) to achieve the "grand design, call of making Africa free, which, by educating her youth instructing them in the principles of the Gospel, must find the labours of Smethman, Sharpe, Clarkson, Wilberforce (345). The English set the example for colonial government attention to morality, commerce, civilization, and the human family.

Like Wakefield's text, Aspin's *Cosmorama* (colonization as humanitarian rescue, in specific contrast Characterizing the Dutch as "mostly without even the [59, describing "their notions of religion and morals . . . [as] calls into question their ability to extend good colonial compass. She characterizes their rule in the following e discovered by the Portuguese, was colonized by the I country in servile bondage for a century and a half, til British" (164). Though contemporary readers will observe trade one set of colonizers for another, to the primer change from "servile bondage" to membership in an em benefits of British values, morals, and customs. Taken above with its emphasis on rescuing the Hottentots from which they are lorded over by an absolute ruler, Aspin's c implies that good governance should be tempered with th simply the imposition of dominion and bondage. By infan wayward children in need of firm and fair governance, B themselves as "altruistic humanitarians rather than self-

Barbara Hoiland in *Africa Described* (1828) c project: "[T]he Dutch have never taken the proper means always found cruel task-masters to the slaves in their v extended the same spirit to their black brethren here al! Aspin, Hoiland seems to be writing about the Dutch, but rival nation as a foil to demonstrate the superior colonu In contrast, Hoiland states that her countrymen "trea confidence, and have established . . . pacts between themse great benefit will be derived to both" (256). The moic Hoiland offers readers is one in which both colonizer a mutually agreeable relationship whereby commerce and practice referred to by historian Bernard Porter as mate or "God in harness with Mammon" (6).

Unlike the Dutch, whom Hoiland characterizes as " are represented as reformers who would instruct and p Man, whether in Africa or in the West Indies [60/61] c inefficiency of the Dutch in all of these regions, setting inappropriate colonial practices. At midcentury, in Le

McDougal states regarding the Malay people that Dutch them to despair and desperate actions" (23). In contrast kinder, gentler colonialism available under British rule were but badly treated, by either the Portuguese or Dutch them, when an English fleet signaled into the harbour, Dutch surrender to the British flag" (130).

These brief, seemingly casual references to inappropiately sprinkled through primers from 1816 to 1854 demonstrate the favorableness of British imperial rule. By presenting the two imperial powers, within the context of the Family Compact, make the argument that England was the most just and responsible to a program of improvement for its colonies. Britain's duties included the regulation not only of domestic but also commercial loci such as ports in Africa, which were regulated so that unseemly commerce in human flesh was

Whether the Dutch were actually guilty of appetitiveness or the British were characterized by restraint, moral virtue, and beneficial commerce is not the point, and certainly colonialism and both stereotypes can be located in the historical record. The focus of this study, and in some ways they are irrelevant to the historical, material experience of colonial administration, would have had no direct experiential knowledge anyway, as the imperial powers were represented in the discourse of the nineteenth century. In other words, the focus here is on the debate about the character of a colonial administrator (and the character of the ruled). What is often overlooked is that imperial discourse represented the ruling as well as the ruled.

For example, E.R.'s *Geography and History, Selected from Her Own Children* (first published in 1790, republished in 1854) describes the European nations in terms of national character, using an adjectival description that defines that nation for the reader. It indicates that "[t]he general character of the English is firmness, the Germans and the liveliness of the French: they are so naturally inclined for arts and arms. . . . A well-educated and accomplished gentleman in the world, and understands it. Placed side by side in the imaginations of readers, the English and the middle ground between the polarities of the overly grave and the French; this creates a hierarchy in which the Englishman is therefore most fit to rule.⁵⁶ By associating character with national primers aid their young charges in imagining the world as arranged in a hierarchy.⁵⁷ In her work on history textbooks, she argues that these texts "gave to the information they imparted a historical fact and analysis" (23). E.R.'s work legitimized and asserted the privilege of the English body. Referential to the world according to their narrated relationship to the English body

Though it is common critical practice to inve:

Europeans and non-Europeans that anthropologists, ethnologists, novelists, and civil servants registered in their written strategic resemblances that these texts may also promote a monogenesis model, with its avowal of shared human origin, or manufacture, resemblances within this family of superiority and singularity of the English body as the strategically mark other European rivals such as the I. These resemblances to colonized populations. In showing that primers make the argument that the French are not suitably closely related in their shortcomings to those they purport

In her 1827 primer, for example, Jehoshaphat Aspinall's *Malay Peoples*, calling the Malay language "the Italian" to disparage the Italians as brooding, lazy, and ungrateful, is ranged against the Malay peoples in other primers. Taken together, the East and Asia may be [62/63] seen as offhand. When examined, one can clearly see that this was a consistent strategic resemblance. In a similar rhetorical move, Hoiland's *African Moors*. In discussing the Moors in Africa, Hoiland's present race are altogether far degenerated from the conquerors of Spain, and the princes of the Alhambra" relationship between the Spanish and the Africans, effectively mapping associates the Spanish with the colonized, reducing the race to colonize. As in Aspinall's example above, the term is consistently used to describe colonial populations, such as Spanish as "mistrustful, idle, and prone to revenge" (64).

Primers also map resemblances between Spain and another as family members in reduced circumstances: "not one kingdom, they are very much alike — as much alike as are the same sorts of beautiful trees and flowers, the ignorant people" (Mortimer, 17). By likening Spain to its sisters, the primer exploits the family trope in familiarizing what McClintock identifies as a "national hierarchy with interests" (357). The purported familial connections in the hierarchy to facilitate the unified interests of promoting the British Empire.

Annie Wright Marston, a writer and missionary, popularized *Children of India* (1883) children's book which associates the Chinese and the French through food, which, as other books contend; nonetheless, the Chinese fare "is not but rather more like French, because instead of having just one thing, they are made up of a little of a good many things mixed together. Given the characterization of China in the primers as "very inferior in knowledge and [in] science of all kinds, " (171-72) relationship between France and China could hardly have been read as complementary. The primer was calculated to display resemblances between the French and England's superiority to both nations.⁶³ [63/64]

As these instances demonstrate, establishing resemblances within the Family of Man was a strategic imperial Man model, primers could show not only the different Europeans but also the distinctions between the countries and rivals such as the Dutch and the Spanish were or evolved to colonize others, countries such as France bearing too much resemblance to non-European subjects children should wonder whom they resembled in this genealogy of past empires – specifically, Greece, Rome could find appropriate imperial precedents.⁶⁴

As Tony Watkins reminds us, “the stories we tell of them to make sense of cultural experience, constitute a knowledge that enable our children to make sense of the world. The of identity, an identity that is simultaneously personal say, shape the way children find a ‘home’ in the world” (the family within it, primer writers practiced a geographic comparison and resemblance were as important as reader parented or bullied by a sibling. Through these multipro diversified the ways they could communicate to young reader classification techniques of the geographic discipline. I consciously chose the Family of Man model to introduce power, duty, and imperial responsibility.

In summary, in the primers, colonized territory is a nuclear Family of Man, briskly managed by the first disciplines, and grows her colonial children. To ensure primers identify European colonial rivals such as the French relational geography to establish supposed resemblance claims. Child readers were invited to map other national proximity but based on supposed familial resemblances resembled the great empires of the historical past, while to colonial populations. The monogenesis narrative of a some members resemble the child nations and others are held great appeal for the primer writers as it represented imperative for imperial administration.

Within this vexed and shifting discourse of multiple religious allegiances and European colonial rivalries: Hopland, and their fellow primer writers grappled with audience of young imperialists. Their work, though now larger body of nation-making propaganda deserving sustenance such as Helen Tilley as essential to illuminate the intermediaries (explorers, missionaries, administrative translators) served as a bridge between these two administration), frequently helping to shore up each side and Venning would not have been welcome in university professional gatherings, yet it is a mistake to assume their contributions as educators and translators of imperial discourse the term translators here (as opposed to the more pas

writers took an active role in interpreting, framing, and ways their readers could understand.

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