

centuries classed as over-populated; yet their populations go on increasing, and their standards of living improving. India has been afflicted with periodic famine for thousands of years, attributed primarily to excess of population in certain parts. Yet the population has gone right on increasing; and in modern times, when the rate of increase has been greatest, the liability to famine has been least. The Island of Java, which is a good deal smaller than Iowa, was rated when it had about 11,000,000 inhabitants, as one of the most densely populated areas of the world. Now it has around 40,000,000, and they are better off than their ancestors ever were. Such instances might be multiplied indefinitely,