

different thing from working in Germany. While agents have no difficulty in working openly and even agitating for emigration in England (Canada being one of England's colonies) it would be unfair to send them to Germany, to work there against the will of the Government, and to ensure its co-operation in emigration matters. An emigration does and must exist as it is, and that emigration, or at least a portion of it, might be influenced to go to Canada instead of going elsewhere. The German Government, giving its paternal protection to its subjects, might be asked to take some interest in those leaving their homes, compelled by necessity to do so, while Canada, in her turn, offers to facilitate the establishment of the people as much as lies in her power; and I may add that this must be accomplished not only by what the Government can do in such matters, but also, and perhaps, I may say principally, by the kind interest which should be shown in these strangers by Canadians individually. My social position enables me to reach such classes as are capable of influencing the inferior ones, for, in Germany, confidence comes from above, and the emigration question has been so much abused, and has been in a great measure in such shockingly bad hands, that it is but just and fair to set a movement on foot by which better protection and safer guidance is provided for the emigrants by the disinterested and benevolently disposed in both Europe and America, for, naturally enough, the success of such a movement must be based upon co-operation. This is the principle which has been guiding me in all my operations, both with regard to general and with regard to female emigration, as all my official reports and the few addresses I have made in Europe will testify. I admit that I had difficulties when I first went to Germany, owing to the prejudice which prevails against emigration generally, and so I resolved to confine my work at first to Switzerland, and illustrate my principles by practical work. Now that my reputation is made, when my name has become a guarantee for honest advice; now that my work can no longer be misconstrued, and when I have won the confidence of the Swiss Government and the leading public, I could venture to go to Berlin, and, on the ground of my success in Switzerland, ask for the confidence of the German Government as well. I have personally experienced the great want of respectable, reliable and serviceable women in this country, and have frequently listened with great sympathy to the outpourings of similar troubles experienced by friends and acquaintances; and, remembering how large the class of women is on the Continent, who would actually be benefitted by coming here, I should have felt glad if many years ago it had been in my power to bring about such a supply for this country. When the time came that this secret wish of my heart could be accomplished, I undertook the work as a high mission in the service of humanity, entrusted to my care, being aware of the enormous responsibility I was assuming, but feeling assured, also, that if success should crown my efforts, I could consider myself the humble instrument in a Higher Hand to bring about one of the most useful movements of the time. When I first returned to Europe, I purposed starting a female emigration. The surplus of women is a cause of great perplexity to our statesmen even, who lend a helping hand to different associations who have undertaken to pave the way to better and more numerous ways of affording a livelihood for women, which in every respect has become a pressing, a burning question.