

pect there was of obtaining from her efforts any practical result; and Fourthly—to ascertain whether it was possible to improve the agencies for emigration in Germany, and to obtain some relaxation of the restrictions which the laws and administration of that country place upon our operations.

I left London for Paris upon Saturday, September 4th, arriving there in the evening.

On Monday I had an interview with M. Bossange, and with his very able chief clerk Mr. Alexander Hunter, a Scotchman domiciled in Paris.

I found M. Bossange was much discouraged with regard to the prospects of future emigration. The opposition of the French Government to the exodus of its people, in view of the probability of European war is greater than ever. The emigration to Brazil and to South American Republics, which has been from every part of the Continent enormous, and especially so of the Latin races, has been attended with so many disastrous failures and disappointments that the very name of emigration is abhorred, and an emigration agent is an object of suspicion if not of contempt.

I may say at once that I found this to be quite true in Switzerland and Germany, as I understand it is in Northern Italy.

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With regard to the actual state of things, M. Bossange represented that there was at this time no emigration of the agricultural classes, nor could there be any on the present terms offered by the Government. They are poor, and will not move unless some substantial aid is given to them. But he is of opinion, and his opinion in the matter is of great weight, that were aid to be given, say to the extent now given to these classes in England, he feels certain that he could procure, not large numbers, but a fair exodus of admirable agricultural labourers.

Without doubt M. Bossange's representation is correct, not only with regard to France, but to the whole Continent. To obtain any number of good emigrants, there must be aid, and substantial aid, offered in any case. It is to be observed that the emigrant from the Continent to Canada is handicapped by the greater distance and expense. He can go direct from Hamburgh, Antwerp or Havre to New York; and thence to the interior, will generally get his railway fares free.