

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has appointed the following committee to make provision for the spiritual and moral welfare of emigrants:—

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The Committee was first formed in the year 1882 in response to a letter from the late Archbishop Tait, and the Society at the same time devoted the sum of £3,000, to which it has since added another £3,000, for doing what was necessary for the purpose. Under the advice of this Committee it has helped the Church of England to show itself the emigrant's friend at one of the most critical periods of his life. Through its action those who have left their old friends and home find a new friend to greet them and to speak the last kind words at the port from which they leave the mother country. In many cases they will find a clergyman (representing the Society) on board their ship who not only conducts services during the voyage, but tells them how they may continue to have the care of the Church and its ministers in their new land. In almost every place when they land they will find a clergyman ready to welcome them and to direct them to whoever will be their own special pastor at the place in which they settle. The great object in view is that the emigrant should never feel himself to be an outcast in spiritual matters, forgotten and uncared for by the Church to which he belongs. Wherever he goes he will have at hand or know where to find kind and wise counsellors, having no interests to serve but his welfare. For female emigrants the Society has provided that a responsible and experienced matron shall accompany several parties every year.

The clergy having emigrating parishioners should take care to give them letters of introduction to the clergy in the Colonies; and every emigrant should take care to provide himself with such a letter commendatory, and thus secure himself a friend wherever he goes. He should look out in the list on the next page for any places through which he will pass, or to which he will go, and ask for the clergyman named in the list as stationed there. Though the special concern of the clergy is with spiritual matters, they will often be able to give him valuable advice and information with regard to temporal affairs.

The Society has already circulated 151,000 handbooks, most of them gratuitously, giving information on the Colonies, so that the clergy might have the means of advising any of their parishioners who should apply to them, and it is hoped that the present book will be of still further use to the clergy and to other friends of emigrants as well as to emigrants themselves.

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