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Much interest now attaches to the people and country of Australia. Even from Canada many persons have gone thither with a view to improve their temporal circumstances. The moral and spiritual condition of that far-off region is more than ever important.

From the *Wesleyan Missionary Notices* for August, we make the following extract:—

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. William Butters, dated Melbourne, November 25th, 1852.

1. Our "*Wesleyan Emigrants' Home.*" Since our District Meeting, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has furnished us with an additional proof of his estimate of the institution, by promising us £1,600 from the public funds, towards the completion of the building. It was opened last night by a social tea-meeting, to which between three or four hundred persons found their way, through floods of rain, that were descending at the time. After tea several addresses were delivered, and a collection made, amounting to about £200. The entire cost of the

erection will not be less than £3,000; but we regard it as money well expended. In connection with the "Home" will be a Register Office, where our friends may obtain information particularly valuable to persons on their arrival in a land where nearly every one they meet is a stranger. Our chief object, however, is to provide a religious home for our own people and their children, till they can provide homes of their own. We hope, especially, that many excellent young men, who have left fond parents and devoted friends in their fatherland, will find shelter in our "Home," and be led to say of their father's people and God, "This people shall be my people, and their God my God." Such has been the crowded state of Melbourne for some time past, that before our "Home" was opened, we had on several occasions to allow our vestry and school-room to be used as a place of nightly shelter, to newly-arrived members from home.

2. *Chapel Extension.*—But Twelve months ago, nearly all our chapels in Victoria were filled, and some of them then needed to be enlarged, or replaced with larger ones; but the demand