

performance, yet the discerning reader will pardon him for pointing out to his special notice an important feature peculiar to this otherwise unpretending work, and that is, its strict adherence to truth, manifested by the faithful, and in some instances even the minute, detail of those annoyances and disappointments which are naturally and necessarily incidental to an emigrant's commencement as a settler in any new and uncultivated country like this.

Every colony in this all but limitless empire has been the subject of unqualified eulogium, and to each in its turn, which had been cried up as the most suitable asylum for the surplus population of the British isles, has the tide of emigration been strenuously directed by Colonial Land Companies, Emigration Associations, as well as private individual landholders, with any of which the author declares, positively and decidedly, that he has no connection. This he mentions under the conviction, that it is very important that the reader should be assured of the fact. Neither is he influenced by any self-interested motive. He has not even an acre of land for sale; and, consequently, neither has nor can have, so far as he is able to judge himself, any other motive in thus recommending this little work to the serious consideration of the emigrant, as a sure and unerring guide as to all points upon which it treats, than to afford him all the information which long experience qualifies him to impart, before he determines upon so important a step as casting his lot with the author, as "a stranger in this strange land."

The inhabitants of an old settled country like home, to use a colonial expression, where every thing has been long used and firmly established, can form but a very inadequate idea of the ever-varying circumstances under which we live, some of which have so important a bearing upon the fate of the emigrant when he arrives in this country, as to render any instructions that we might give him this year, for instance, on many seemingly trifling points, very incorrect, if not totally and entirely inapplicable to the altered circumstances of the succeeding one. Hence the labour and pains necessarily and constantly requisite in the revision of any work on the subject, and these the author has most carefully bestowed upon the present edition, short as has been the time since the issuing of its predecessor.

The discrepancies which the critical reader may discover between the two accounts of the expense of travelling up into the interior of the country, are to be attributed to the two modes of conveyance, by barges and steamers; the latter of which, though the most comfortable, is the most expensive.

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