

1s. to 1s. 3d. ; a sheep, with her lamb by her side, 8s. to 9s. ; single sheep sold by the people to each other at 3s. and 3s. 6d. each. Industrial schools would be of great value in fitting the people for work elsewhere : but until the number of resident employers is increased—by the opening up of the country, or other attractive means—it is to be feared that the instruction such schools would spread would find but a limited field for practice.

That the emigrants who have gone have been deceived, or coaxed, or forced into emigration ; that they have gone reluctantly ; is information truly surprising to those who have been anxiously but vainly striving to meet a small proportion of the demands made upon this Fund. As far as crowds of applicants, importunate, diligent and persistent in making their wants known, pressing their claims with uplifted hands and eager looks, and many signs of passionate entreaty—as far as such indications may be taken to prove the wish of the people to emigrate, that wish is assured just now. But the harvest is coming in sight, and with the work and fruits of harvest the desire for emigration may abate. The exciting cause of that desire was probably not merely poverty—for the condition of poverty is not new in these parts any more than elsewhere. What is almost new is the absolute stoppage of credit : and this has not only brought the people face to face with their real position, but led them to compare their lot with that of others their kinsfolk across the Atlantic.

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