

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

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### ADDRESS TO HUSBANDS AND FATHERS.

BEFORE the master of the household fully decides upon taking so important a step as leaving his native land, to become a settler in Canada, let him first commune with himself and ask the important question, Have I sufficient energy of character to enable me to conform to the changes that may await me in my new mode of life? Let him next consider the capabilities of his partner—her health and general temper; for a sickly, peevish, discontented person will make but a poor settler's wife, in a country where cheerfulness of mind and activity of body are very essential to the prosperity of the household.

In Canada, persevering energy and industry, with sobriety, will overcome all obstacles, and in time will place the very poorest family in a position of substantial comfort that no personal exertions alone could have procured for them elsewhere.

To the indolent or to the intemperate man, Canada offers no such promise; but where is the country in which such a person will thrive or grow wealthy? He has not the elements of success within him. It is in vain for such a one to cross the Atlantic; for he will bear with him that fatal enemy which kept him poor at home. The active, hard-working inhabitants who are earning their bread honestly by the sweat of their brow, or by the exertion of mental power, have no sympathy with such men. Canada is not the land for the idle sensualist. He must forsake the errors of his ways at once, or he will sink into ruin here as he would have done had he stayed in the old country. But it is not for such persons that our book is intended.

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