

which go every year. From studying these lists we find that when times are prosperous and labour plentiful the number of emigrants decreases, but when the crops have failed, or when times are bad and labour scarce, it increases rapidly. This shows you that a great many leave because they cannot find work in this crowded country, and so make up their minds to go to places where they think labourers are needed.

Some go in the hope of making a fortune quickly. These are often energetic men, who are doing very well in this country, and are not at all compelled to leave it. But they have heard of gold, or silver, or diamond mines, where men have made themselves rich by a few weeks or months of work, and they hope to do the same. Sometimes they succeed, but more commonly they are disappointed. Still, though they do not get all they want, they at least often find that they can make for themselves comfortable and pleasant homes in the lands to which they go.

Some go from a love of adventure. They have heard of the rough life in the Australian bush, in Canadian forests, or out on the prairies, of hunting, fishing, or exploration in strange countries or among strange races, and, discontented with a quiet life at home, they go abroad to see new lands and have new experiences. All through our history we may see how this spirit of roving and adventure seems to have been in our British blood. It brought our Saxon ancestors away from Germany across the North Sea to explore and fight and find new homes, and later it sent men like Drake,