

and money to no useful end. I am not sure but there was a little of *diamond cut diamond* in the family adventure, and that, while the uncle perhaps looked on the nephew as a likely fellow to manage his farm at Michigan, the other had been making some shrewd speculations upon the legacy of £1000, which had given immediate rise to the emigration.

And now comes the important question for individual consideration, "Is emigration expedient or not?" This must be decided by circumstances, and every man must judge for himself. Of this, however, I think there can be no doubt, that either the moderate capitalist, or the frugal, sober, and industrious labourer or artisan, cannot fail of success. *Fortunes* will not be rapidly or even readily acquired; but it must be the settler's own fault if he does not enjoy, in large abundance, every solid comfort and enjoyment of life, and rear around his table even a *forest of "Olive plants,"* without one single anxious thought regarding their future destination or provision.

And now, gentlemen, I have only to apologise for the unexpected length to which this communication has extended, and to assure you how sensible I am of its many imperfections. I have the honour to remain, gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

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