

versal credulity ; and after every fair deduction has been made, on this and any other ground, there still remains "an open door" in this quarter for doing a great service to our neighbours, and for pleasing Him who will say—"I was a stranger and ye took Me in."

Let us now address ourselves, on the other hand, to those newly-arrived immigrants into whose hands these pages may chance to fall. And in doing so, we will venture to speak in the name of our brethren, the pastors and members of the Congregational Churches.

Dear Friends,—We bid you "welcome" to this land. Many of us know what it is to come from our native country, to leave every familiar scene and every friend of our youth, to put the wide Atlantic between ourselves and them, and to experience the shock of the utter strangeness of a new country. Though ten or twenty or more years have passed since we personally went through this, it is not forgotten yet, nor ever will be. We can understand your feelings therefore, and can sympathize with them.

At first it is very natural for you to feel some disappointment and despondency. The fortunes that you were told of, as having been made in Canada, are not picked up in the street on your landing. Between you and them their lies a reach—longer or shorter—of downright hard work and "roughing it" in many ways. Probably you were told of this, but you were so intent upon the golden prize that was to reward you for leaving "Home," that you leaped over this disagreeable interval at one bound, in your dreams of life beyond the seas. But now you have to tread that road step by step. Do not complain of this, however. Every one else has had to do the same before you. Therefore settle down to work as soon as you can, and keep at it. Don't be too dainty, either, about what you do. One great secret of success, in a new country, is to be willing to turn your hand to anything.

It is a very common failing on the part of new-comers to run down Canada and the Canadians. "It is so different from England." Of course it is. Did you expect to find it the same ? But remember, that if many things are rougher here than there, that we have advantages on our side also. We have not the enormous mass of pauperism, nor the remains of feudal distinctions, nor an overshadowing Government Church. We have a boundless territory, free trade in land, plenty of openings for your boys and girls, good wages and good living for good work, a public system of free education, and the highest positions in the land open to the sons of the humblest of its people. If you remain, and work, you will have a fair share of these advantages. But if you cannot live out of England, the remedy is simple—go back. As long as you are here, however, don't abuse the country. It is bad policy, and worse manners ; whereas those who come into such an inferior state of society ought to set an example of good breeding. You must pardon this plain speaking, but we meet with this sort of thing so often, that we almost lose our patience with it.

But there is no warning that we would give more emphatically to a stranger