

Auckland; let us witness the departure of the Church Crookham emigrants from the Thames :—

"On the evening of the 20th they assembled in the house of prayer, where for the most part they had been among the steadiest worshippers, and some of them communicants, and joined, with such a congregation of their friends and neighbours as those sacred walls have hardly ever seen before, in commending themselves and their enterprise to the blessing and protection of Almighty God. And at an early hour on the following morning, having first once more, as many as were able, met together in the Church, they sat down to an ample breakfast that had been prepared for them in the school-room. When this was ended they all set off to meet the train that carried them to London; and, marching through the streets with the parson and squire at their head from Waterloo to London Bridge, they took their places once more in the Greenwich train for Deptford, and were soon comfortably housed in the admirably-managed emigrants' depôt established there. Passing the night there with 150 more, who had been brought together from different quarters, they all went on board the Scindian the next morning, and there I had the satisfaction of visiting and spending several hours with them on that and the following day. Nothing could be better than the whole provision made for their comfort on the voyage, and for the good conduct of the crowded ship. I had full opportunity of judging as to this, and it gratifies me to express the thankfulness I feel at the considerate kindness and attention shown to the poor people's comfort by all who were concerned with them. One of the Emigration Commissioners himself inspected every part of the arrangements of the ships on the day of embarkation, and cheered up the poor souls at parting with an excellent address, which showed a real interest in their well being. It only remains for me to add that a well-recommended gentleman, an Oxford graduate, is gone out with them to act as schoolmaster and catechist upon the voyage, and serve the Church in some capacity on his arrival in the colony. The Emigration Commissioners put on board the educational material required, and a liberal grant from the Emigrants' Fund of the Christian Knowledge Society furnished a good supply of sound devotional and other books for their comfort and instruction in their new homes; and every adult Churchman of my party carried with him a letter of commendation to the Bishop and clergy of the Cape, to bring him into communion with them on his arrival, and claim their pastoral good offices."\*

This is at least an approximation to colonization, and it is greatly to be hoped that English liberality will enable the numerous emigrant vessels that are likely to sail to the Australian ports before the summer is over to put to sea under circumstances not less favourable than those here described. Is it exaggeration to say that, humanly speaking, the future of England depends upon the character of her present colonization? If it be not, then the past struggles, present position, and coming prospects of the colonial

\* Letter of the Rev. Anthony Lefroy, in Colonial Church Chronicle. No. xxiii., p. 418.