

store a series of statistical tables exhibiting the progress of the colony from its foundation; and a descriptive account of it comprised in twelve chapters, and compiled expressly for this journal; and a series of original articles is promised by a literary gentleman at Perth, which will embrace many highly interesting details.

But we call upon our friends, seriously and emphatically, to assist us in a manner which, with very little trouble to themselves, would be of eminent service to us; to furnish us with all the intelligence they possess, communicated in their friends' letters from the colony, which is likely to be of public interest. We do not remember to have received more than two or three communications of this nature, and we candidly confess our opinion that the community has been remiss in this portion of their duty to the colony. We have another boon to crave of them; that they will recommend us to their friends and assist in giving every publicity to our journal: that they will lend it—deposit it in the public reading rooms of the neighbourhood, and bring it under the notice of their local papers; and they must remember that in doing this they are disseminating the authentic particulars of Western Australia, which their friends in the colony are so anxious to make known.

But there is another department of our cause which requires unanimity of purpose for its accomplishment. There has long existed a feeling of jealousy between the friends of Australind and of the settlement of the Swan River, engendered, we must be permitted to say, by the conduct of the settlers in the former district, who, perceiving the necessity of exertion, were too prone to attribute the slow progress of the older settlement to a want of energy on the part of its inhabitants, and looked upon them with a degree of contempt as destitute of enterprise and spirit; and thus a mutual jealousy sprang up to the incalculable prejudice of both parties. Let the establishment of this journal, the impartial organ of both settlements, as constituting one colony, be the era from which a better state of things is to be dated. Let all petty feelings of jealousy and rivalry subside, and let the friends of the Swan River and Australind act on broad principles, and set to work in earnest in their common cause;—for their cause *is* common, and on the prosperity of Swan River depends in a large degree the prosperity of Australind. Let it be remembered that Swan River, Australind, and King George's Sound constitute but one colony, and let the well-wishers of each and all come forward and contribute their portion to the weal of the "*tria juncta in uno.*"

We have perhaps been tedious and prolix in these observations, but we were desirous of fully explaining our wishes, and having now detailed our plans and objects at length, we leave the subject, trusting our hints may not be unattended to. We were also the more anxious to mention them in our present number, as no doubt this will be the last opportunity we shall have of addressing ourselves to the colonists for some months, the next mail being advertised for departure before the issue of our fourth number. We therefore again earnestly request communications both from our supporters in England and from those in the colony, and concluding with a repetition of our thanks for past favors, we shall refrain from touching on our own business for some time to come.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Swan River, 3rd November.

By the overland mail from India, we received letters from Western Australia to the very late date of 3rd November, conveyed to Bombay by the colonial schooner *Champion*. The following is the summary of news:—

(From our own correspondent.)

Perth, 15th October.—I take the opportunity of the *Champion's* departure to forward you what information I can collect relating to our affairs. The *Madras* and *Armata* have arrived, as you will see by the papers, and brought a slight accession to our population. We are much in want of an increase both of labor and capital, and it is lamentable to think that so many promising operations should be suspended by the want of both. Our various speculations are progressing steadily though slowly, and the vineyards look promisingly. The exportation of widders to the Isle of France has turned out unfavorably, and it is pretty certain that the whole scheme will now be abandoned, as from information brought by the supercargo who has now returned, we learn that the demand is not nearly so extensive as we were led to believe. The consumption of widders is not more than 3000 annually, which number our neighbours take good care to provide. For myself I am by no means convinced that we have yet reached the time when the exportation of sheep is desirable; so long as the price of mutton in this colony is 7d. and 8d. per lb. there is surely no great need of exporting, by reason of any superfluous numbers. There is necessity for exporting *something*, but I should say anything before articles of food. But I return to my old story; it is not a *foreign* market that we want, but an *internal* one, and this can only be created by an increase of population. Our

very old and highly esteemed settler, Mr. R. H. Bland, whose name is possibly familiar to you, is about to leave the colony by the same ship as will bring this letter, on a visit to England. He has charge of your file of papers, and also of a few sheets of the agricultural report, which has been vexatiously delayed in publication; you shall have a complete copy as soon as it is finished. At this moment Her Majesty's ship *Fly*, Captain Blackwood, and her consort the *Bramble* are in our port. These vessels have been employed in the Survey of Torres Straits, and more especially of that formidable reef known as the "Barrier." I start to-morrow for York, to be present at the annual fair and agricultural meeting, and, as I shall be absent from Perth for ten days (for I intend to make a tour of inspection), the *Champion* will have sailed before my return.

28th October.—As the sailing of the *Champion* has been delayed in consequence of our learning that the *Shepherd* might be expected daily, I am enabled to announce the arrival of the latter vessel. In coming into Gages' Roads, she was very nearly wrecked. She came in by the southern passage, and struck upon the "Strugglers." Luckily a very heavy sea was running, and she was forced over. She is, I fear, very much injured, and will have to be hove down before she can proceed to sea. The southern passage, although marked in the charts as practicable, is still never used except by persons well acquainted with the navigation, and I cannot account for captains choosing this difficult channel when there is a perfectly safe one close by. The *Shepherd* brought cuttings of the Zante currant vine, which arrived in very good condition, and every body is delighted at their receipt. It appears that this vine will only flourish in some even of the Greek islands, and that it has altogether failed in Spain and elsewhere. It grows freely here, for we have proved it, an excellent sample of the first having been produced at one of our agricultural meetings. It would be a great thing if in course of time, we could establish this currant as an article of export, more especially as the limits in which it is at present produced are extremely confined. I must now gallop off to Fremantle, to bid adieu to the officers of the *Fly*. The *Champion* sails on the 1st November; I shall keep this letter open in case of having any thing further to add. At all events, I shall write again by the first wool ship.

Our file of papers has of course not yet arrived, but we extract the following summary of their contents from the Indian journals:—

We have received papers from Western Australia down to the 25th October, brought by Her Majesty's colonial government schooner

Champion, which vessel we understand was the bearer of most important dispatches to England, and which will be forwarded by the steamer on Monday next. The papers are filled with suggestions, schemes, and systems, respecting the plans which should be adopted to benefit the country. The Fremantle Whaling Company have been very successful during the present season, owing mainly to the services of an American gentleman, late in command of the United States whaling ship, *North America*. It is expected that they will be able this year to export oil and bone to the extent of £5000 or £6000. With the requisite spirit of enterprise, the colony might, it is said, annually export oil and bone to ten times this amount. The advantages possessed by these coasts in this particular appear to be quite unknown to the British trader, who leaves the American in undisturbed possession of the whale fisheries of Western Australia. The particulars of a meeting of the Western Australian Agricultural Society we have read with much interest. This Society seems to be in a very prosperous condition. It has offered handsome prizes for the encouragement of the various productions of the colony, among which is one for the manufacture of a certain quantity of woollen cloth, another for the greatest number of vine stocks, planted in the most approved manner, and a third for the best sample of tobacco properly cured, and being the produce of the country. The heavy rains of the season had proved highly beneficial to the colony. The vineyards gave promise of an abundance of fruit.—*Bombay Times*, 1st January.

Extract of a private letter, dated "Perth, 13th October."—"We find the natives of great use in clearing and burning; they are well satisfied with a good mess of rice after they have done work. My native boy goes on very well and is getting to be useful to me, I should be sorry to part with him. My opinion is still the same, that any person who is steady and industrious may get on better here than in England, particularly those with small capitals to begin with. A gentleman who came out by the last ship, and is going on to Adelaide, where he has been before, told me he considers this a much finer country in every respect, and, had he not been under an engagement to go there, he should certainly have staid here. Another gentleman, supercargo to the *Velocity*, a sharp, clever man, who has been here twice, and has been in nearly every settlement belonging to England, said he had not seen one that he thought so well of as this, being so well situated for trade, with almost a tropical climate, and yet plenty of rain to grow every thing in perfection."

Australind, 15th October.

Letters from Australind to the 15th October, arrived by the overland mail last month. They bring no news of interest beyond an announcement that the manufacture of glass was actively commenced in the settlement.

CUSTOMS' LIST

Of Exports to Western Australia, for the month ending February 26th.

BRITISH.—January 30th, A. Kent, £100—February 1st, H. Manning, £1000; Mortimer & Co. £100.—15th, Mortimer & Co. £100.—17th, Mortimer & Co. £23.—20th, Felgate & Co. £150.—22nd, J. Betham, £50; Copeland & Co. £60.

FOREIGN.—February 7th, J. Gibson, 800 gallons of Brandy.

Date of last advices from Western Australia . . . 3 Nov.
Date for the dispatch of the next Mail 31 Mar.

Dispatches were received at the Colonial Office on the 14th February, from the Governor of Western Australia.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrivals at Fremantle—*Armata*, Brown.—*Shepherd*, Narracott, 26th October, both from London.
Departure from Fremantle—*Champion*, Helpman, 2nd November, for China.

Champion, Helpman, from Swan River, arrived at Colombo, 5th November, and at Bombay, 22nd.—*Janet*, Dring, from Swan River, arrived at Hong Kong, 9th November.—*Ganges*, Walker, for Swan River, sailed from the Cape of Good Hope, 13th December.—*Water Witch*, Talbert, for Swan River and King George's Sound, sailed from South Australia, 21st August.—*Parkfield*, for King George's Sound, sailed from Sydney, 21st September.—*Cheerful*, from Swan River, arrived at Sydney, 3rd October.

Passengers per *Champion* from Swan River to China:—Mr. and Mrs. BLAND, and Licut. NORTHY.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We perfectly concur with the remarks of M. N., but scarcely think the insertion of his letter would be of service.

A COLONIAL MERCHANT, in our next.

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