

"I have seen the day of small things, and have shared in the difficulties, and experienced the hardships of the early settlers. I have seen the gloomy lowering clouds dispel, and rejoiced in the sunshine of prosperity. I can point to our settlers around our capital in any direction, to a distance of 30 miles and upwards,—to our numerous and rapidly-increasing flocks and herds,—and to our country settlers, cultivating under every prospect of advantage and success: and, in leaving South Australia, I rejoice in being able to see, that the foundation of so great a work has been laid. I leave it, gentlemen, under the persuasion, that among you some of my best friends are to be numbered. All have my best wishes for their hearty success."

Many other toasts followed, and were responded to with great feeling; and, at a late hour, the company separated.

On the 1st Jan., Mr. Mc Laren bade farewell to his friends at Adelaide; and embarked, next day, in the 'John Pirie,' for Port Philip, Launceston, and Sydney, from which port he was to sail for England. He was accompanied to the port by a numerous party of friends. On this occasion, the 'South Australian Register' makes the following observations:—

"Most sincerely do we echo the general voice, and wish Mr. Mc Laren every happiness. He quits the colony, leaving behind him many friends, and no one who can dispute his claim to having been a faithful and honest servant of his constituents, and a zealous and successful promoter of their interests. May he reach his home in health and safety, and have long occasion to remember with satisfaction the years he spent in South Australia."

We hope soon to welcome this gentleman back to his native shores, and obtain his valuable support and assistance to our infant undertaking.

**PUBLIC CATTLE MARKET AND SLAUGHTER HOUSE.**—On the 2nd January, the Mayor and Corporation of Adelaide issued a notice, that the public cattle market and slaughter-house would be opened on the 8th inst. The market to be held on Tuesdays and Fridays, from sunrise to noon.

**THE COUNTRY AND THE WEATHER.**—The appearance of the country is now truly delightful. At this, the driest season in South Australia, we have had the most abundant rains. The Torrens has been swollen to a considerable height, and the hills and plains in the distance look as fresh and green as in the rainy season itself. Pasturage promises to be most plentiful, and the maize crop is now in vigorous growth.—*South Australian, Jan. 5th.*

**FIRE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.**—On the night of the 12th January, the Old Government House caught fire; and, being built of inflammable materials, was soon burnt to the ground, with its contents, consisting of property belonging to the Governor, and many important and valuable documents, both public and private. The origin of the fire had not been ascertained. In connection with this disaster, an interesting incident is recorded, proving that the aborigines are not deficient in gratitude and sensibility:—

"The natives, who, during the night, had been exceedingly quiet, seeing, on the approach of day, what had happened, collected in a body opposite the ruins of the buildings,—with which, of course, their earliest recollections of the arrival of the white men on these shores were associated,—and set up a wail of lamentation, as if over the corpse of one of their number. The kindness they had experienced on that spot, and the supplies of biscuit and other necessaries, with which they had then been favoured, were evidently not forgotten. One of them, express-

ing his concern at what had occurred, hoped, in the simplicity of his heart, that the white men had succeeded in saving the Governor's blankets and clothes."

The Governor had embarked in the 'Courier' steamer, on a visit to some of the out-ports. He was expected to be absent about three weeks.

**THE COURIER STEAMER.**—On Friday last, the 'Courier' towed the 'Mercury,' which lay opposite the M'Laren Wharf, down outside the bar, in seventy minutes. On Saturday, she performed the same office for the 'Superb,'—and yesterday, for the 'John Pirie.'—*Southern Australian, Tuesday, January 12th.*

On Sunday morning last, the ship 'Devon,' registering 509 tons, and drawing 16 feet water, was towed across the bar, on which was nineteen feet water at the time, to her moorings opposite the Government Wharf. The distance from outside the bar to the moorings is about fifteen miles, and was performed by the steamer in an hour and twenty minutes.—*Adelaide Chronicle, Jan. 13th.*

**MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.**—On the 13th January, a meeting was held in the Independent Chapel, Hindmarsh, to establish a Society to aid in missions to the heathen: and on the 18th an Auxiliary to the Wesleyan Missionary Society was established, at a meeting held in Adelaide, at which Judge Cooper presided. Both meetings were well attended,—and at the latter £104 was collected.

**SAVINGS BANK.**—We observe with much pleasure an advertisement in the 'Register' of 23rd January, announcing the establishment of one of these admirable institutions in Adelaide. Many of the most influential inhabitants are associated in the direction with His Excellency as patron. The Directors of the South Australian Assurance Company have consented to take the management of the funds, on liberal terms, and subject to the usual regulations. A committee of management was to be appointed forthwith.

**MARKETS.**—Flour, £30 to £35 a ton; some good flour had been sold at £25 a ton. Bread, 8d. the 2-lb. loaf. Potatoes, produce of the colony, £15 to £18 a ton; Van Diemen's Land ditto, 2d. to 2½d. a lb. Beef and mutton, 7½d. and 8d. a lb. Butter (colonial) 2s. 6d. a lb. Cheese (colonial) 1s. 1d. a lb. Sugar, 6d. a lb. Rice, 3d. a lb. Tea, 4s. 6d. a lb. Vegetables, plentiful and cheap. Melons, in great abundance, from 6d. to 3s. each.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### Arrivals from Port Adelaide.

May 19.—At Gravesend, the 'Mercury,' Giles.  
June 11.—At ditto, the 'Lalla Rookh,' Kenney.

##### Departures for Port Adelaide.

May 21.—'Elizab. Moore,' Mossop, from Liverpool.  
May 24.—The 'Fama,' Purvis, from Gravesend.

##### ADELAIDE.

##### Arrivals from England.

Dec. 7.—'Birman,' from Greenock.  
Dec. 12.—'Helen Thompson,' from ditto.  
Dec. 13.—'Brightman,' and 'Royal Admiral,' from London.  
Dec. 29.—'Naiad,' from ditto.

##### Departures for England.

Jan. 10.—'Mercury,' Giles, with 460 bales of wool.  
Jan. 23.—'Lalla Rookh,' Kenney, with 302 casks of oil, 326 bundles whalebone, and 400 bales of wool. Passengers,—Robert Thomas, Esq., and Miss Moore house.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS  
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

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**T**HE Committee most earnestly invite the co-operation of the friends of the Colony, at a time when its principles and interests require to be vigorously maintained, and permanently secured. A subscription of £1 annually constitutes a member of the Society, which may be paid at their Office, or remitted from the country by a post-office order.

JOHN H. CROUCHER, jun., Secretary.

N. B.—The earlier members of the Society are respectfully reminded, that their subscriptions became due at Lady-day.

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