

what one would desire in an adopted country, both as to prospects of success, salubrity of climate, and fertility of soil. The picture he gives of the many varied advantages of this colony both in a moral and commercial point of view, must, we should think, determine any one, who was doubting to what part of the world to direct his steps.

[From the *Manchester Courier*.]

The object of the volume before us, is to recommend this settlement to the notice of persons intending to emigrate; and certainly so far as regards climate, soil, and the general appearance of the country, it seems to possess many advantages over any other of our distant colonies. The volume, is, however, interesting, not merely as an account of the present state of this infant colony: those who have no intention to leave their native land, will find amusement in its pages.

[From the *Mark Lane Express*.]

We strongly recommend Mr. Stephens's work to public notice, and more especially to emigrants.

[From the *Methodist New Connexion Magazine*.]

A work more interesting than this we have not read for a considerable length of time. The title promises much, but not a tittle more than the writer has accomplished. We will venture to say, that to persons who have not taken pains to acquaint themselves with subjects connected with the South Australian Colony, a perusal of this work will not only open to their minds cheering disclosures, for which they were not prepared, but produce in them a conviction of the vast importance of South Australia to this country, and a lively interest in its operations and welfare. The author has brought to his task not only an evident competency for its accomplishment, but has exerted himself to consult every available source of information, and the volume contains the result, bearing the impression not only of authenticity, but of sound discrimination in his arrangement and selections. No man disposed to leave his country, and to seek a permanent home elsewhere, should take a step towards the accomplishment of his purpose before he has perused this volume.

[From the *Metropolitan Conservative Journal*.]

This is an ably sketched and well-executed digest of all the accessible information relating to South Australia. The author has devoted particular attention to the capabilities of the country, both agricultural and commercial, and even after making liberal deductions for the *Couleur de Rose*, with which authors generally tinge their favourite subjects, sufficient remains to establish the superiority of South Australia over most of our other colonies, not even excepting New South Wales. This history and description of South Australia will, we anticipate, prove highly interesting to many of our readers, particularly to that large and benevolent class which takes an active interest in the condition of our labourers. The market for labour being at present greatly overstocked in most parts of the kingdom many philanthropists would—but for the large outlay of money—gladly encourage emigration, as the best means of promoting the interests both of those who emigrate and those who remain at home; to such this volume will be peculiarly acceptable, as it indicates the means of facilitating the emigration of our surplus labourers, almost free of expense.

[From the *News*.]

The importance of this settlement, it would appear, entitles it already to have its rise and progress made matter of "history," nay, although the work before us is the first that has assumed that dignity in name, "accounts" and "narratives" have long been numerous of this beautiful and interesting portion of the world, which holds out so many temptations to the small capitalist and industrious man to leave even the home of his fathers, which narrow circumstances make "a house of bondage," for "the land of promise." This title, by-the-by, has been assumed for South Australia, *par excellence*, and for it by our author, for the previous edition of this well-digested and credible, as well as creditable book. The work itself is so easily attainable, and contains so little that is impertinent, that we shall not attempt an extract but at once recommend such of our readers, who take an interest in the circumstances of the poor around them, or who are for themselves disposed to seek "a world elsewhere," to read for themselves and neighbours Mr. Stephens's praiseworthy work.

[From the *Oriental Herald*.]

Notwithstanding the evident bias entertained by Mr. Stephens as to the superiority of this colony to that of any other in Australia, his book may safely be taken as an excellent guide by all parties who have emigrated to that part of the world in view; it enters into details which are most useful, and which we constantly regret to find wanting in books professing similar objects to the one before us.

[From the *Sheffield Iris*.]

The most valuable part of the work is the statistics of wages, rate of living, price of materials, facilities for internal communication, and inducements to emigrants, selected principally from letters written by emigrants to their friends at home. In these the real condition and prospects of the Colony are fully developed; and, making the utmost allowance for the high colouring which is nearly everywhere perceptible, there is satisfactory evidence that South Australia is a desirable place of residence, and is destined at some future period to become a very important possession of the British Crown.

[From the *Sheffield Mercury*.]

The work is well calculated to repay the perusal of persons seeking information on South Australia.

[From the *Shipping Gazette*.]

Mr. Stephens's "Australia" bears evidence of being the result of an honest zeal in the cause of the colony, and displays a knowledge of its topography, statistics, &c., which could only be acquired by much research and industry. It has, also, the impress of being the production of one who felt what he wrote to be fact; and, however much we may be inclined to disregard some of his conclusions, we can safely speak of the work as forming an able condensation of valuable information relating to the new British province of South Australia.

[From the *South Australian Register*.]

It has the merit of admirable arrangement and most perfect impartiality. Mr. Stephens has given a complete view of the colony; and, indeed, it may, as a whole, be taken as the only complete one yet published.

[From the *Southern Australian*.]

To this title [The History of the Rise and Progress of the new British Province of South Australia] it has just claim; for it begins with the beginning, or rather before the beginning of the Colony, and comprehends, we think, every known particular connected with its progress down to the date of publication. Much credit is due to the compiler for the industry and care which he has exercised in collecting and arranging facts, not only those connected with principles and events, but also such as relate to climate, soil, natural productions, and all statistical matters. Mr. Stephens's is in fact the book on South Australia.

[From the *South Australian Colonist*.]

Mr. Stephens appears to have put himself in the situation of an inquiring emigrant, weighing the evidences in favour of, and against, the land of his adoption; and, after the exercise of the strictest scrutiny and the utmost scepticism, compatible with an honest desire to arrive at the truth, he conducts his readers to this conclusion—that any one desirous of emigration may safely embark his fortunes in the new colony, "as offering to capitalists and labourers alike, the best prospect of securing that easy and peaceful independence which is now so rarely to be witnessed amongst the tradesmen and agriculturists and mechanics of this crowded isle." Such is Mr. Stephens's apparently candid and unbiassed opinion; and to all who are disposed to leave the land of their fathers, we recommend the perusal of the volume before us.

[From the *South Australian Record*.]

The author has availed himself of all accessible sources of information; he has extracted the pith of all scattered documents, and has produced a very complete manual for the emigrant. He has also added very able and judicious remarks of his own, uttering his opinion with equal moderation and freedom. The volume itself evinces the warmest and most cordial interest in the colony, at the same time that the judgment of the writer is tied by no restraints of official or commercial responsibility. He is a friend to the colony, not because he feels the parental affection of an originator, who may be suspected of blindness to faults; not because he is officially engaged in the public service, but because his friendship is attracted by the intrinsic merits of the enterprise. His opinion is that of an intelligent and discreet man, who after examining every statement for and against, has drawn his own conclusions. In fact he represents the entire class of emigrants, and his volume will furnish others with a valuable guide-book to direct their inquiries.

[From the *Spectator*.]

It is a more elaborate and all-embracing book than "Six months in Australia." It may be recommended as an industrious, pains-taking, and fair compilation, where neither difficulties nor drawbacks are over-looked; a merit the more conspicuous for its rarity, as emigrants are apt to take too hopeful a view of their

'Land of Promise.' The author seems to have consulted every accessible source of information—pamphlets, prospectuses, Acts of Parliament, books of travels, and letters from emigrants—as well as to have pored over the archives in the offices of the South Australian Commissioners and South Australian Company; and what is equally important, he has tested what he has read. He tells the story of the unsuccessful attempts to found the colony, and its history from the foundation to the "latest arrivals;" describes the plan and objects of the South Australian Company; and after giving an account of the soil, climate, rivers, harbours, productions, and so forth, devotes several chapters to each of the various subjects which can have any interest for the intending emigrant.

[From the *Standard*.]

This work is an elaborate composition, comprising every species of accessible information on the subject to the present time, which the author could have obtained only by very considerable research. The arrangement is very happily made, so as to enable the reader to judge for himself by the perusal of any individual chapter, either on the colony of Australia, its constitution, the disposal of land, the climate and seasons, the natural productions of the country, the Aboriginal inhabitants, religious institutions, wages, hints to emigrants, &c., of the author's judgment as well as impartiality. Those who are intending to emigrate to this "land of promise," should certainly peruse this work: those who are undecided should, also, carefully peruse it; while, in the colony itself, from its comprehensive character, the work must prove most valuable.

[From the *Sun*.]

As this work, which is wholly of a practical character, has reached a second edition any comment from us, either in praise or censure, is superfluous: suffice it, therefore to state that Mr. Stephens is a uniform panegyrist of the new Australian colony, and brings an immense mass of evidence to bear upon and justify his good opinion.

[From the *Sunday Times*.]

Mr. Stephens has written a book of manifest utility; he has quoted all known authorities on the subject, and his 'Hints to Emigrants' is alone worth the price of the volume. We heartily recommend his work to the attention of those who meditate emigration, or wish to afford facilities for so doing to others.

[From the *Westeyan Association Magazine*.]

The work contains a large collection of documentary and official evidence, in proof that South Australia presents a most encouraging prospect of successful emigration, and especially so to persons of small capital and of industrious habits, and the reasoning of the author on the subject, is both lucid and powerful.

Also, lately published by the same Author, Second Edition, 8vo, stitched, Price 1s.6d. AN EXPOSURE OF THE ABSURD, UNFOUNDED and CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS IN JAMES'S so-called "SIX MONTHS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA."

[From the *Christian Advocate*.]

Mr. Stephens, author of "The History of South Australia," has published a pamphlet which he entitles "An Exposure of the Absurd, Unfounded, and Contradictory Statements in James's 'Six Months in South Australia.'" Mr. Stephens's method is that of placing in parallel columns those portions of Mr. James's book in which his statements of opinions are at variance with each other; and certainly he has produced numerous instances of irreconcilable contradiction, such as cannot fail to shake the confidence of the reader in the testimony of Mr. James whose object seems to be to disparage the new colony.

[From the *London Dispatch*.]

This is a harsh character to give to any work; yet the errors which Mr. Stephens points out are so uncommon and so extraordinary, that we are forced to allow Mr. James to be a careless and inconsistent writer.

[From the *Western Times*.]

If evidence out of a man's own mouth ever wrought his condemnation, it has done so in the present instance. The sweeps of Mr. Stephens's dissecting knife are many, but they are not too numerous, and have, each one, laid bare some mal-organization or deformity.

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Dr. Grant, on a visit to the city of Tabreez, saw a Persian printing office, and type foundries, where beautiful type were cast, and two lithographic presses were in constant operation. The whole was the work of Persian ingenuity.

During the late Chartist trials in Liverpool, one of the physical force men, who defended himself, put the following very pertinent question to the jury:—"If a person was to fire a pistol or throw a stone through a window, would not the contents go through the window?" This reminds us of the reasoning of Goldsmith's clown, who avers that "the genteel thing is the genteel thing, if so be that people are in concatenation accordingly!"

The Rev. Mr. Cobbold has invented a fuel composed of peat and the common refuse of gas-tar, which burns with a bright flame, little or no smoke, and gives out an intense heat. It has no smell whatever, and has been tried in a grate, in comparison with coal. According to this experiment, which was made by a chemist, but without weighing the fuel, two quarts of water were evaporated in thirty-five minutes, leaving a good fire afterwards; while with Newcastle coal it took fifty-one minutes, leaving a low, burnt-out fire. Mr. Cobbold says he can render this fuel at 7s. per ton.

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