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## The Nonconformist Settlement in New Zealand.

DEPARTURE OF THE EMIGRANTS.

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and after devotional services addressed the meet- ing children abroad and of reciprocal advantages that their parents had had the fortitude to suffer dress on "Christian Colon sation." He said :- however, special and peculiar claims to our cherish, and day by day strive to impart to their One cannot think of our meeting this evening notice now. And how may we define it? Col- fellow-colonists. without being impressed with a deep sense of its onisation undertaken by Christian people, tor unusual character. Such a meeting on such an Christian purposes, and in accordance with occasion has probably never been known before. Christian principles, for these alone can insure Emigrants, and in large numbers too, have gone | Christian practices. It is, I say, colonisation forth to occupy and people distant lands. Chris- undertaken for Christian purposes. Husbandry tian emigrants have gone forth to carry with and commerce must, of course, be pursued with who had spoken had to attend to the business, them the seed of the kingdom to other countries, diligence and perseverance. But this may be he would endeavour to get up the steam. In and they have gone forth amid the sympathies done in a Christian spirit; and surely it would the history of the Church, the first sower was and prayers of friends at home; but the specta- be a very unchristian thing to let the land lie the devil, and in his efforts he scattered the seed. rich, not to despoil-to plant, not to burn; they great jubilee has come! (Loud cheers.)

the land; that they do not fly from the tyranny ham's and their steps, at least the feelings or of some crowned besotted monarch who would Abraham's heart were cherished by them; for fain imbrue his hands in the blood of patriots they were not going out simply seeking their because they advocate a freedom that he abhors personal advantage, following the dictates of and dreads! No. never was Britain more their own intelligence, to lean for their defence loved by her sons than now; never was free- on strong arms amidst the natives of New Zea-A deeply interesting meeting was lately held dom more reverenced than it is now; never was land, reekless of their interests to build up their in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, to bid personal liberty more secure; never was sove- own. (Hear, hear.) They were going out farewell to the first body of emigrants who were reign more beloved than our Queen Victoria is with some self-sacrifice, with hearts as well as going out to occupy the new Nonconformist now; and when the loud shout, "God save the ears open to the voice of God, and determined going out to do brotherly justice among themselves, and colony in Auckland, New Zealand. Nearly Queen!" rises on British lands, it shall be to do brotherly justice among themselves, and sixty thousand acres of territory have been se- caught up, and echoed back from the isle to Christian justice among strangers. (Hear, hear.) cured for the colonists, of which forty thousand which our brethren go, for they will still think So great was the temptation to become worldly, are declared by the Government to be adapted of her in her glory, and in her sorrows too, and that to themselves it was the most salutary thing for settlement. The distance of the land from rejoice that the sceptre wielded by her gentle in their Christian discipline that they should be Auckland ranges from thirty-five to sixty miles, hand at home also rules and governs there. torn from the present. It was not for themthough the extreme distances are only narrow (Loud cheers.) But we have specially to e- selves that they went forth. He was sure that continuations of a block of a more compact char- cognise the Christian character of the present many a heart thrilled that night with the same acter. The authorities of Auckland have ap- movement. Colonisation itself may be not only feeling as was in his own, when he said that he propriated £2,500 for the formation of roads to a necessity but a blessing, affording a useful should count it an honour if he should be called this district, and they will be ready by the time outlet for the industry, of a thickly peopled through tears and toils there to fall, and there country. The ancient kingdoms of the world with blood and tears to lay a foundation of Edward Ball, Esq., M. P., occupied the chair, often had to rejoice in the success of enterpris- homes where their children should thank God to the people at home. And modern nations and die for their sakes. He could not help feel-The Rev. C. J. Middleditch, delivered an ad- have done the same. Christian colonisation has, ing that those would be the thoughts they would cle of a thousand Christian people going forth untilled or to let the produce of that land lie everywhere. Satan was unwittingly the servant. at once, amid the sympathies and benedictions unsold. I don't think that that colonist would of Gcd,—fool as he was, though not intending it, of such an assembly as this, has probably never prove himself to be a very good Christian who he accomplished the purposes of heaven. Their before been beheld. (Hear, hear.) To my never went to plough and never went to market. condition after a while would not be quite so mind the occasion is one of great tenderness, (Hear, hear.) The land and the corn would respectable as it had been. They talked about great solemnity, and great joy. We know that both cry out against him; and he would soon be being sturdy Nonconformists, but even a sturdy there cannot be such a parting as this enterprise brought under discipline—if not the discipline Nonconformist getting hungry was not in a very involves without an amount of touching, sacred of the Christian Church, yet discipline enjoined respectable condition. The proof of the pudding sorrow, that no words can describe. Many a by a Christian Apostle, and rather sharp dis- was in the eating of it, but the trouble was in fond association will now have to be given up, cipline too, "If any man will not work, neither the making. Atter a while some of them would it not as to its existence, yet as to the realisa- shall be eat." A colony of lazy do-nothing peo- be feeling for the softest bit of wood on board tion of its endearments. Doubtless there is, at ple would not, to my thinking, be a very ship, or enjoying the cold comfort of a bed in a this time, in many a home scattered throughout Christian colony." "I would not have a young but with the wind blowing through it. They our land, a heart too big with emotion to be able colony setting up their Shibboleth, and saying had had experiences of England, but not of New to find relief in any outward forms of speech or that all who cannot pronounce it shall without Zealand. In making the change they would sorrow; and, even in this assembly itself, there doubt perish everlastingly. But I do think it perhaps feel the force of the arrow all the more, probably is some aged father or mother who has necessary, in order to warrant their claim to because it was a new one, and had never been come to witness this never-to-be-forgotten scene; the title of Christian colony, that they should shot before. and, looking on the son, the daughter, whose most strenuously maintain the grand old doc- He expected they would keep their arms presence will now be missed during the decline trine that Paul taught, "Justification by Faith strong-strong to wield their axes and reap their of human strength and in the sad hour of final only and alone." That which is necessary to a harvests. They would also require strong docdissolution, that aged parent catches the petition | Christian man is necessary to a Christian colony; | trine-sixteen ounces to the pound-of election as it issues from the lips of him who prays, and and I believe that there cannot be real Chris- and perseverance. Religion was a blessed thing is wasted to the throne of the Almighty One by tianity without the avowal of three R's-Ruin, in all ranks, but best proved amongst the poor. thousands of melting hearts, that He would give Regeneration, and Redemption. And not less But, said the speaker, you tell us you expect the winds and the waves charge concerning necessary is the maintenace of the Christian something of us. He rejoined, blessed are they those who are going forth on the boundless deep, church. A Christian colony without a Christian who expect nothing, for they shall not be disand sobs out "Amen" with a tenderness of love church would be a monstrous anomaly, and a appointed. But in the prayers of dear friends and an earnestness of entreaty surpassing all Christian church without its day of special they would not be forgotten. Prayers would be besides. (Cheers.) We cannot think of the Christian observance would very soon become heard in England for them; prayers would be destinies involved in the founding of a new an utter burlesque and a disgraceful scandal. heard in New Zealand for us. He trusted they colony without an overwhelming sense of the The Book of God, the church of Christ, and would go out good soldiers of the cross-strong magnitude of the interests that may be affected. the day of the Lord, are essential to the very in the omnipotence of the Master. The particular features may not be the same; idea of a Christian colony. Certainly that On Thursday, May 29th, there was an imbut as Columbia has asserted her position among colony cannot be called a Christian colony, pressive demonstration at the East India Docks, the nations of the earth, so in some future age where the Word, and the day, and the church Blackwall, in connection with the departure of New Zealand, too, may be found worthy of of Christ, are not devoutly recognised and ob- the emigrants. some honoured place. (Hear, hear.) We may served. Practices should thus be Christian too. also indulge in some feeling of joy on this occa- Liberty, purity, and action, are all needful to and North London railways, and the steamboats sion. We delight in the wide contrast present- duty, and needful to the consistency of a pro- from London-bridge, were filled with the emied by an enterprise like this, and that of many fessedly Christian people. Let the whole colony grants and their friends, and by eleven o'clock a colony in bygone days. Yes; and though the maintain its Christian character, and then from the East India Docks presented a very animated system is not yet free from fault, we may well that Albertland there may go forth men by scene, from 8,000 to 10,000 people having asrejoice in the greatly altered character of our whom the Gospel shall be carried to regions yet sembled. A considerable number of them made colonisation in general. There were times- beyond. In the marvellous revolutions that take their way to the North Dock, where a large enthanks be to God that they are past !- when place through the rise and fall of empires it is closure had been secured for the holding of a open tyranny and wrong, or covert injustice and impossible to tell what mission may be entrusted farewell service. fraud, were the chief characteristics of almost all to any particular people. When Rome was in Harper Twelvetrees, Esq., was called to the colonisation. When, for instance, the vast con- her glory none would have been able to foretell chair. tinent of America was discovered, was it alto- that in this nineteenth century the great work | The Chairman delivered a brief address, bidgether destitute of inhabitants-men and women, of the world's evangelisation would be entrusted ding the emigrants God-speed wishing them a who, by some rude art of cultivation, or by long to this then unheeded British isle. Now that pleasant voyage, and a happy realisation of their pursuits in hunting, had gained a prescriptive Europe is so foremost in the world, we may not fondest hopes in the land of their adoption. right to it, which ought to have been held as sa- be able to predict the future career of any The Rev. Thomas Penrose reminded the emiered as our own, though it had not been drawn people on the other side the globe. But who grants of the responsibilities of their position, in legal form? But where are they now? The shall deny that mighty reversals may hereafter that they would be expected in their daily life vast majority were either butchered on the land take place among the nations as they have done and conduct to exemplify that religion which or drowned in the sea. Tribes that numbered before? When Rome was in her glory, a colony they all professed. He urged them to bear with their 10,000 have dwindled down to 200 or of Roman people came and settled here, where one another on the voyage. He urged the 300; and of one colony it has been stated that now this wondrous London stands. Now that strong to aid and protect the weak—the cheerwhile in 1713 there was a large population, in England is in her glory, old Rome has so lost ful to encourage the desponding-and on their 1823 the last man and woman were shot. Then her ancient strength, that the throne of her arrival to keep up the same fraternal feelings, look at the West Indies. We commonly think Pontiff Sovereign must be guarded by foreign to sustain their bonds of brotherhood, and to do of these islands as the sepulchre of multitudes of arms. And who shall descry the changes of all they could to promote one another's interests. negroes who have there been destroyed, genera- the future? Changes will doubtless take place Above all, he said, " See that ye fall not out by tion after generation, by the foul demon Sla-very. But were there no inhabitants there be-Zealand may have to perform a conspicuous part The Rev. William Landels then delivered an fore the ships of prey had brought their victims in this world's drama. God grant that that elaborate and very eloquent oration. He said,all manacled from the blood-stained shores of Christian colony in Albertland may so influence Your emigration, we say, reminds us of that of Africa? There was a race of noble beings the character and course of the nation that is the Pilgrim Fathers, not that the circumstances there; savage and uncivilised it may be said; destined to flourish there, that the part per- are alike, but that the grand results which have but, still, a noble race, possessed of powers, both formed by it may be a Christian part. As our followed in their case lead us to think of how of body and of mind, that fitted them for noble brethren near the shores of that distant island much may yet spring, in the providence of God, deeds. But where are they now? All swept the cry may salute them as it saluted the brave from the event of to-day. You go forth under away, destroyed by the sword or drowned in old Roger Williams when he rounded the point far happier auspices than theirs, not driven from the sea. And then that Cape -the Cape of Tockwotton, and reached the spot hencefor- home as they were by the tyranny of a despot, Good Hope-what scenes of horror once were ward to be known as " Providence" (the place to but still the loving and loyal subjects of a soveenacted there? Who shall be found to give an which the Providence of God so clearly guided reign who reigns in the hearts of her people, adequate impression of the wrongs inflicted on him)—the cry may be heard by them as it was with whose sorrow I am sure there is not one the race of Hottentots? The cruelties endured heard by him, "What cheer?" their answer present who does not sympathise, or who does by them may well be deplored by every Briton. will be, "We bring you glad tidings of great not from the heart fervently breathe the prayer, (Hear, hear.) Right joyously then may we joy." And when in after days their sons shall "God bless her." (Loud cheers.) You are not

The hymn was then sung,-"The Lord my pasture shall prepare, And feed me with a shepherd's care.'

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon said he would occupy but a few minutes. The other gentlemen

All the morning the trains on the Blackwall

contemplate the enterprise now before us. Our go forth from New Zealand itself to other lands, driven as they were to seek a faith's pure shrine brethren do not go forth for conquest; their God grant that it may be as men who have denied you in your own country. You have had implements are those of peaceful husbandry, their part to fulfil in the evangelisation of the it here—thank God, and under Him the noble and of arts that contribute to social welfare, world, and as men whose myriad voices shall men who suffered imprisonment and exile for it! The sword is not theirs to wield; they go to en- swell the grand chorus of the church when its -for many years; though you expect there to have still freer scope for carrying out your pringo as the benefactors of their race—to im- The Rev. F. Tomkins, LL.D., then proceeded ciples, away from the cold shadow of a dominant prove and to bless their fellow-men while to deliver an address to the minister-elect, (Rev. Church which has sometimes denied to you seeking temporal prosperity for themselves. S. E. Edgar) going out with "the thousand." - social status where it could not touch your civil And surely we cannot overlook the fact that they are not going forth at the behest of some feeling that evening that, if nearly all the eirdespotic power resolved to hurry them out of cumstances might be different that marked Abra- their own arm had to make good their right to

every foot of land which they po sessed. The Home Government allots you a territory and stretches over you the ægis of its protection.

"The breaking waves dashed high, On the stern and rock-bound coast;

" As that band of exiles moor'd their bark On the wild New England's shore.'

But though the circumstances differ, there is similarity enough to furnish some points of comparison. Like them you are not simply emigrants influenced purely and solely by a desire for gain, and going where that desire is most likely to be gratified. A religious principle, as in their case, enters into your movement. You are about to found a society based exclusively on Christian principles-principles broader and more catholic, I trust, than they ever dreamed of, or than would have recommended themselves to the most enlightened thinkers of that age .-Your colony is to be a society where the fraternal love which should reign in the Church will be shown in the intercourse and the avocations of the citizen-where mutual helpfulness will be combined with a recognition of, and a regard for, individual rights. In a word, it is to form, if it should answer to its ideal, a model Christian community. You are about to try an experiment on which the eyes of other lands will be fixed, and which, according as it is successful or otherwise, will exert an influence salutary or baleful on future generations. Happily, you have accompanying you as your spiritual instructor a man in whose presence I do not like to say all I might, but of whom, as he is now going where I may never see him again, I will say what I firmly believe, that had you searched the country round you could not have found a man better qualified in every way for his work. (Hear, hear.) From the admirable speech you heard him make the other night-so Christianlike in its sentiment and its tone-you can understand that his is a heart which you can fearlessly trust. How you will like his teaching at first will depend partly on what you have been accustomed to. If you have had only tinsel before you may not be quite able to appreciate for a time the solid gold with which he supplies you. If confectionary has been your chief article of diet, you may not relish the solid food which he provides. But in a little time your acquaintance with the gold will show you how worthless is the tinsel, and the diet of strong meat will make you lose your taste for confectionaries --In speaking of Mr. Edgar I ought not to forget his wife. And I need only say of her that from all I have seen and know of her she is worthy of him. I was glad to hear the cheer with which her name was received the other night. -It showed that you appreciate the sacrifice she makes and the heroism she displays in cheerfully leaving her happy English home and circle of lov ng friends to brave the difficulties of a new colonial settlement. I am strong in the confidence that, moulded as it will be to a great. extent by his influence, it will spring into a noble and flourishing Christian community—a goodly tree, beneath whose wide-spreading branches wanderers from various lands may yet seek shelter, and of whose wholesome fruits they will gratefully partake. (Cheers.) At the close of the meeting a brass band

headed a long procession to the dock, at the entrance of the river, where the two ships (the Matilda Wattenbach and the Hanover) lay ready for exit, gaily decorated with flags on the rigging of each, and their decks crowded with the women and children and their relatives. A considerable number of ladies and gentlemen, who were provided with tickets to accompany the ships to Gravesend, went on board the Matilda Wattenbach, and at one o'clock the gates were opened, and this noble vessel, of nearly a thousand tons register, was towed out, amid the cheers of the thousands assembled on the piers, as well as of those on board, the band playing "Cheer, boys, cheer" in a highly inspiriting style. The Hanover speedily followed, and a salute of six guns having been fired from the Wattenbach, and with the band playing "God save the Queen," both vessels dropped down the river, and were soon lost to sight. During the passage to Gravesend, appropriate addresses were delivered on the deck of the Matilda Wattenbach, by Mr. Ball, M. P., the Rev. Jesse Hobson, and the Rev. J. H. Millard. Both the ships sailed from Gravesend on Saturday morning.-The third ship-the William Miles-with another body of emigrants, is to depart on the 10th

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Visit of the Rev. George Day to Halifax.

MR. EDITOR,—

A few weeks since I enjoyed the happiness of meeting after long separation an old and highly esteemed friend, the gentlemen whose name is at the head of this note. Brother Day is a native of Sheffield, N. B., and studied at Acadia College, with a view to entering the Ministry in connection with our denomination. A severe attack of bronchitis had for some time prevented him from engaging in pulpit labour, when I first had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance. On partially recovering his voice brother Day became teacher of the Grammar School at Sheffield. And for once a prophet was not without honour in his own country. The reputation brother Day acquired in a short time as a sound scholar and successful teacher, caused