

that the Commissioners report so favourably on the ships 'Allahabad' and 'Peter Denny.' The report on the "Berar," which follows, is equally favourable (page 2). On the "Columbus," it is stated that "the class of immigrants appeared very satisfactory" (page 3). In regard to the "St. Leonards," Mr. E. L. Green writes that "nothing in the shape of a complaint was heard" (page 3). The Commissioners report on the "Douglas" that the "immigrants are well adapted to the requirements of the Colony" (page 5). The Commissioners give a favourable report in general terms on the "Celestial Queen" (page 6). In regard to the "Dover Castle," they report that "the immigrants are a very superior class, and well fitted to supply our present requirements. The single women are particularly respectable" (page 7). In regard to the "Otago," that "the immigrants are a good class for the Colony, the single men and women being particularly suitable" (page 7). The report on the "Bouverie" says that the immigrants are "a well-selected healthy class of people" (page 8). The report on the "Merope" is in general terms favourable (page 9). On the "Adamant" the report states that the immigrants are "highly satisfactory," (page 13). On the "Cardigan Castle," that they are "well suited to the requirements of the colony" (page 14). No objection of any kind is made to the class of immigrants by the "Lady Jocelyn," the "Jessie Readman," the "Zealandia" (page 15), and the "Helen Denny" (page 16). In regard to those by the "Hovding," His Honor the Superintendent of Napier writes, that "taking all together, they are a good useful class of people, and have readily found employment" (page 17). There is no complaint of the character of the immigrants by the "Chile" (page 20), "Hindustan" (page 20), "Dunfillan" (page 21). Those on the "Duke of Edinburgh" are spoken of as "a healthy set of people" (page 22); those by the "Salisbury" as a strong healthy lot of people" (page 24); those of the "Star of India" as "highly satisfactory," and, it is added, "this may be especially asserted of the single females, who, both in physique and conduct, compared favourably with any shipment hitherto received" (page 25). The immigrants by the "Ocean Mail" are described as "a cheerful and contented lot of people." The report on the "Lauderdale" is characterized by Mr. Vogel as "satisfactory" (page 29). The immigrants by the "Queen of the North" are favourably mentioned (page 30). No objection is made to the character of those who went by the "Mongol" (page 31); those by the "Dilharrie" are described as well suited to the requirements of the province; there is no objection to those by the "Invererne," except the proportion of young children (page 38). The Commissioners report that they find the "Queen of the Age" in a reasonably satisfactory condition" (page 39), and, with one exception, the people seem to have been well suited and got immediate employment (page 40). The immigrants by the "Wild Deer" are described as "a very suitable class" (page 40). The report on the "Carnatic" is described by Mr. Vogel as "of a very favourable character" (page 40). The immigrants of the "City of Glasgow" are described by the Commissioners as "quite equal to any shipment that has arrived in Canterbury" (page 41); and there are also favourable reports of the "Rakaia" (page 42), and "Dorette" (page 43). Of the people sent by the "William Davie," it is said that "they were all of the labouring class, and as a whole very fairly adapted to meet the wants of the colony" (page 43). The report on the "Wennington" is favourable (page 63), and so are those on the "Janet Court" and "Buckinghamshire" (page 64). Such is the character of the reports of the Immigration Commissioners or of the Minister in regard to forty ships despatched by this office at a rate that represents an average of one per week; and with regard to those forty, I find no note of blame, and frequently words of warm acknowledgment and praise.

4. On the other hand, I find eight vessels which are, as to the character of the emigrants, the only point I am now dealing with, the object of censure, more or less severe. Yet the number of bad characters seems to me, considering all the difficulties of the service which I have indicated above, and the large numbers sent out, to have borne a very small proportion indeed to those who were in every way eligible. In regard to the "Punjaub," for example, the personal habits of the Danes in respect of cleanliness are complained of; but, though inferior to our own population in that respect, as indeed most foreign nations are, they may not prove a bad class of emigrants after all. As to the character of the British immigrants, the doctor only says "two or three were troublesome." On the "Isles of the South," the Commissioners report that "two or three of the girls appear to have behaved very badly," but with this exception there is no complaint of the character of the immigrants. Some ten or twelve of the single women on the "Woodlark" are said to have been depraved and disorderly; and I note Mr. Orbell's observation (page 49) that many of the single men have not given "the satisfaction one would have desired;" but I also read, "with the exception of one married couple, the whole have found employment at current rates of wages." In regard to the "Apelles," though Mr. Vogel says "there is nothing especially calling for remark on the report," I observe the Commissioners are "unable to report favourably of several of the single women" (page 56). I fear that no precaution I can take will obviate this ancient yet ever new complaint. I fear that out of a hundred single-women immigrants, no matter with what care selected here, there will always be two or three of whom Commissioners will be unable to report favourably. The report on the "Golden Sea" says, that the immigrants were "on the whole a fair sample compared with some other shipments (page 58). I should wish those shipments had been particularized. I note, and shall take heed of the observation, that too many of the immigrants appear to have been drawn from town populations. The case of the "Asia" proves to be, after all, not so serious as I had been led to apprehend from Mr. Vogel's letter of the 7th May, No. 129, written immediately after the arrival of the ship at Port Chalmers. There is not a word of complaint in the Commissioners' report concerning the character of the immigrants, who numbered no less than 467 souls. On the contrary, it is stated that "the order and discipline on board were excellent," and it is said that "the whole of the immigrants expressed themselves highly satisfied." If there had been any notorious bad characters among them, I presume the Commissioners would not have cared to cite their testimony. The letter from Mr. Colin Allen, to which Mr. Vogel refers (page 60), as showing how disastrous to the cause of emigration is the mode of selection adopted by Mrs. Howard, simply says, "I found on my visit to Caversham to-day, that six Irish girls, ex "Asia," were sent back to the depot by those who engaged them, all having the same complaint, that they were entirely useless in a house, and in fact did not know how to do any household work. I