



NEW ZEALAND

To the Editor of the “Wiltshire Independent”

Sir,

I must thank you for your note of the 30th June, and for your paper of 2nd July. I am glad of your good opinion of the colony. With regard to your remarks, I must say that, considering there are arrangements for free passages for certain trades &c., assisted passages for others, and that the second cabin accommodation for such as myself and family, is only from £25 to £30 per adult, and half price for children under twelve years, and nothing for children under twelve months, and that the distance is only a voyage of three months, which in nine cases out of ten, is a pleasant and healthful holiday trip, I really think that people would not be “frightened at the expense” if they only knew what I have stated. As to “dreading the expense and difficulty of returning,” I can only say no one is fit to emigrate who would return because of adverse circumstances. “He that putteth his hand to the plough let him not look back.” And, after all, New Zealand is not a country from which they need fear to have to return.

In a letter from a friend of mine, a civil engineer, at the head of the railway works and harbours’ improvements for the province of Canterbury, says, “that he went out 2 years ago, and if I want proof of how he likes it, he says he has no wish whatever to return to Old England; and that energy and sobriety in business are sure to meet with success.”

In Old England we are so overcrowded, that these two very desirable qualities are, unfortunately, not always sufficient to ensure success in life. For this, and other reasons, and with a family of four boys and one daughter your correspondent will, ere long, be leaving for this colony.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. E.

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