

Emigration
Practical Hints to Emigrants

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As compared with the Canadas, the western portion of the United States will, for a long time, possess attractions to settlers, by reason of the land being in a cleared state by nature ... Almost all the farmers of the western states are owners of the land they cultivate. When, for 100/., a man can buy, stock, and cultivate 80 acres of land, there will be found comparatively few persons to come under any obligations to pay rent to a landlord. These farmers live plainly and healthily and work with their own hands for their living ... We must, however, caution those persons who are intent on becoming rich, against proceeding to those western states. There are no rich classes there, in the sense which we regard riches in this country -- there is no luxury; comfort and sufficiency are the highest conditions; but they are generally diffused amongst all classes. Labour is there the first condition of life; and industry is the lot of all men. Wealth is not idolised; but there is no degradation connected with labour; on the contrary, it is honourable, and held in general estimation. In the remote parts of America, an industrious youth may follow any occupation without being looked down upon or sustain loss of character, and he may rationally expect to raise himself in the world by his labour. This is a very different state of things from what we find in this old country, of rich and poor, fashionable and vulgar, respectable, idle, and common hard working people. In America, a man's success must altogether rest with himself -- it will depend on his industry, sobriety, diligence, and virtue; and if he does not succeed, in nine cases out of ten, the cause of failure is to be found in the deficiencies of his own character.