

as regards the welfare of families in the Australian colonies and New Zealand.

But so varied and endless are the circumstances which influence the fortunes of individuals in the Australian colonies, that it is utterly impossible to do more than point out general truths, the knowledge of which will form a sufficient guide to persons of ordinary intelligence. The system adopted by the South Australian Company, of granting seven years' leases to industrious practical agriculturists whose capital might be inadequate for the purchase of land, at an annual rental of 2s. per acre, seemed to me admirably adapted to answer the useful and benevolent purpose held in view, and deserves to be imitated in all other colonies.