

a small capital, will find it advisable to leave the purchase of high-priced land to those who have already made their fortunes. His interests will lead him to newly-opened districts, where land has not attained its maximum value, rather than Van Dieman's Land, or the agricultural districts of New South Wales. The grand aim of the emigrant capitalist being to acquire property at a moderate price, which will leave him the hope that an increasing population will confer upon it a higher value, it is obvious that this object can only be attained in those districts which are comprehended in the proposed northern or southern divisions of New South Wales, or in New Zealand. In the central, or Sydney division, land has in general acquired its maximum value, for the present at least.

The principles of strict teetotalism, which are gaining ground in New South Wales as well as in Ireland, would seem to forbid the culture of the vine in Australia. Temperance is to be admired as one of the most fertile sources of moral amelioration that characterize the present enlightened and advancing era; and its progress in New South Wales will be marked with joy by every well-wisher of that important colony. New South Wales, once the elysium of drunkenness, has now its temperance newspapers, its temperance associations, and its temperance coffee-houses. Nevertheless, it is impossible to believe that the luscious grape was given to man for no higher purpose than to please the eye, or that its fermenting juices were concocted by the delicate chemistry of nature, without some reference to his physical comforts and well being. If we adopt the rule of using, as not abusing the bounties of Providence, there will appear no reason for banishing from the vegetable kingdom of Australia