

These addresses constitute a most valuable contribution to the story that will, one may hope, one day be written of the vic intise of the Canterbury Pilgrims in the early days.

Their's was no colonization scheme of the commercial type, undertaken merely with a view to profit or even with the higher motive of Empire Expansion. It was the expression of an ideal, conceived by some young enthusiasts at the universities, and formulated in the apt phrase - "To transplant to the Antipodes a slice of England out from top to bottom".

Selected on this basis, and inspired by such motives, the Canterbury Pilgrims were a people apart. From the university and public school men among the leaders, to the humblest artisan in the ranks, they stood for all that was best in British character in the Early Victorian Epoch, and the wives, mothers and daughters who accompanied the Pilgrims were worthy mates in such an enterprise.

To preserve a knowledge of their ideals and their characters; every incident in the life of the settlers; their hardships and their courage; their energy and their resourcefulness; the prayers they uttered, and the songs they sang, are of inestimable value to the historian.

The details of their enterprises, the foundation of their institutions - all this may be gathered from the archives. It is interesting to hear how