

highest peak. St Porter. (I think) Occasionally on a very frosty morning might be seen in the distance of about 100 miles the snow capped peaks of the Kaiikoras. Now & again in frosty weather the snow along the sea beyond Lake Ellesmere was to be seen. But the nearer view, was the tree plantations around every farmstead, and also along the Washburns Creek, Inwell & others of smaller volume, were the flax and the Willows, Amongst them of an evening time could be heard the song of the Blackbird. Nearer still there was the subdivision of the paddocks. Every where on both sides of every road and surrounding every paddock was the gorse & (which in many respects & in many places was a curse,) yet when all these fences were out in blossom, the lovely golden bloom, well there was beauty. "Every prospect pleases," "All things bright & beautiful, are sent from heaven above"

Was it not the poet Milton, who gave expression to in words, as he depicted the beauties of God's new creation. "These are thy glorious works, parent of good, Thine this universal frame; Thus wondrous fair! Thyself; How wondrous then! Unspeakable!" And somewhere in Bunyans Pilgrims Progress there is depicted a man with a snuck rake

scraping things together, with the head always on the ground, Above him had he looked upwards there was a crown of glory to be seen. As I have been recording various matters relating to long ago; How much real progress have we really made, for the betterment of of ourselves, and for the good of every body in general? We look out upon the world & note what wonderful improvements in respect to social conditions have been accomplished, and in many respects are being improved on. But at the same time there have been forces at work, which have had the tendency, to make us believe that we could ~~rise~~ lift our selves up, forgetting that we ourselves are only here as part of a great Creation, & have been endowed with mind and reason. But we have not altogether developed to that high stage to know how to utilise the power that has been given. What marvellous discoveries have been made, in the scientific world, ^{& in every sphere} and as these things have been brought to light, we have put it down, and called it the growth of civilisation. And here the world over we and every body else, are using these things to kill and destroy, and what might have been a blessing to the world, are only being used to destroy