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To the Editor of the Daily Intelligencer.
Emigration of Boys.

Sir,—Would you kindly insert the following notice in your paper:—

By advices received yesterday, 26th April, from Miss Macpherson, we learn that she purposes leaving Liverpool on the 2nd of May with 150 boys—ages between 6 and 16.

Farmers wishing for a boy should apply at once personally at Marchmont, or by letter, with reference, to

MISS BILBROUGH,
Marchmont,
Belleville.

Marchmont, April 27, 1871.

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We sang "The Land without a storm," we sang
of that fair climate
Whose glories never fade away, beneath the
touch of time ;
Hymns we had sung together amid the billows'
roar,
Hymns learned beneath our English skies, we
sang them here once more,
And then once more together our heads we
bowed in prayer,
As we thanked our Heavenly Father for His
ever loving care ;
Then ere good night was spoken another voice
was heard,
And we listened in the darkness that we might
not lose a word,
For we knew 'twas Jimmy Chester, and hushed
was every noise
As thus he spoke right earnestly, a boy address-
ing boys :

" Now boys, I'm just a boy like you, I came out
here last year,
And I think I know a thing or two that you
would like to hear.
You all intend to get on well, to be rich men
some day,
So listen now, and I will try to tell you all the
way :
Well now, you mind and be good boys, and don't
get in disgrace,
And to begin, do try and stop a year in your
first place—
Of course there will be troubles, I know that well
enough ;
I know no place where you will find the smooth
without the rough—
And should the master prove unkind, why, bear
it like a man,
And try to please him every way, stay with him
if you can,

But if you cannot stand it, don't leave or run
away,
But wait till Miss Macpherson comes, and see
what she will say,
Or write to Marchmont, for, you know, that
always is a home ;
In sickness or in sorrow there you may freely
come.
Don't try and get a place yourself, but do as I
have done ;
Miss Bilbrough helped me kindly, as she has
many a one.
My place was hard, my master I strove to please
in vain,
So back I came to Marchmont, and found a
home again.
And now—why, what a place I have, I'm happy
as the day,
I weary every minute that I am kept away.
My mistress, now that I am here, I fear is at a
loss ;
She scarce can do without me ; why, boys, I'm
nearly boss,
And when folks ask me if I'm good, as sometimes
is their way,
I just say, Ask my mistress, and see what she
will say ;
I follow out her orders, she tells me what to do,
But I mean to work her farm for her, within a
year or two,
And then when I have paid my fare, like any
honest boy
(What a mean fellow I should be not to pay
that with joy !)

For the Intelligencer.

Evening at Marchmont.

(TO OUR ENGLISH FRIENDS.)

[James Chester lives with Mrs. Clair, Thomas-
burg, who allowed him to come down to March-
mont to assist in preparations for the reception
of the 150 boys lately arrived. His address to
the boys was carefully taken down by a lady
now at Marchmont, who prefaced and closed it
for the benefit of the friends in England.]

'Twas evening in our western land, with you
'twas deepest night ;
The sun was setting gloriously, tinging our bay
with light ;
And when his parting beams were lost, in twi-
light cool and dim,
We gathered in our place of prayer, to sing our
evening hymn.