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**SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN EMIGRATION
SOCIETY**

Mr John Crawford, 65, Jamaica Street, Glasgow, the secretary of this society, replies to one of the queries of a correspondent of the *Examiner and Times*, by forwarding us the rules of the society, which, for the information of parties, we subjoin:-

All male adults, whether married or single (excepting those belonging to the class of hand-loom weavers), pay 5s on enrolment, and 5s on returning schedule. Single females, not under charge of their parents, pay 2s 6d on enrolment, and 2s 6d on returning schedule. No charge will be made for wives, or children under 14 years of age.

On being enrolled, parties will receive schedules, to be filled up with names, ages and occupations etc and to be returned along with the required certificates.

The principle of assisted passages, or of a uniform payment of £5 each statutory adult – the balance of the cost of passage, to be defrayed from colonial funds, on which the society is authorised to conduct emigration from Scotland – is likely to be adopted by all our Australian colonies.

In the meantime, parties have it in their power to emigrate to New South Wales, agreeably to the said principle, male and unmarried female adults being bound to come under indenture to serve some employer in the colony, and to repay from their earnings the sum of £10 sterling towards the cost of their passages, during the period of two years from the date of their arrival in the colony; or if sent out in the ships of the commissioners, then subject to the same terms and regulations as are established by them.

According to these regulations, male adults, whether married or single, and single female adults, of the class of farm and domestic servants, pay £1 each before embarkation, and bind themselves to pay £12 out of their earnings, after arrival in the colony.

Other classes of working men pay £5 each, and bind themselves to pay £10 out of their earnings in the colony. Wives, and children under 14, get free passages. Females under 18 years of age will not be indentured without the consent of their parents.

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[transcription by Jean Little]
