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## The International Exhibition.

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Since I wrote last I have been incessantly engaged in the examination of the various agricultural products of the British Colonies. We have a conception of the variety and value, and the amount of the productions of the Australian Colonies until we see them. The progress they have made since 1851 is very remarkable. Queensland is exceedingly well represented. Victoria, New South Wales, New Zealand, and indeed, all those antipodean lands to which emigration has of late been directed, and in the necessities of life, as well as the means of manufactures. Specimens of wools of the finest quality, cotton, silk and other fibrous substances, the most valuable minerals, as also some of the best woods for ornamental purposes can be any where found, are here on exhibition from those colonies. But no colony can compare with our own for the timbers that are useful for general purposes; nor is there a better collection of minerals from any one country than ours. We shall stand high in these two departments, and we will carry off several medals in the classes of Agricultural products.

The jury of which I am a member were yesterday in the French department and will remain to-day. The exhibition of French agricultural products is very extensive, and the admirable way in which the articles are displayed to the exhibitors very great credit. Large collections have been made from the schools of agriculture in the various sections of France.— Different cereals are displayed in the straw in a very tasteful manner, and all the varieties

of grains and seeds in glass vessels of various patterns. The whole display is exceedingly interesting, and embraces some two thousand collections by as many exhibitors. You may therefore judge of the amount of labour to be performed, and the difficulty experienced by the jurors in making their awards. Yet we hope that the work will be done and the awards made with a tolerable degree of satisfaction to all parties concerned.

The exhibition has now assumed, with a few exceptions, a finished appearance. Some few things are still being imported, but the confusion incident to the putting up has nearly disappeared. The display of splendid and valuable articles, worth untold millions of money, is now truly astonishing to the visitor.

The cloths from the Netherlands have particularly attracted my attention. They are of the finest quality, and manufactured from the finest wool that is produced in the world, and the prices marked upon them seem to be low enough to induce merchants from the various countries who need such goods to become purchasers.— A vast extension of commercial intercourse must result from this exhibition, while the inhabitants of the various parts of the world who are here assembled will obtain a knowledge of each other which will be by no means the least important benefit that will result from this great collection of men and things.

A contemplation of the whole leads to constant expressions of regret by numerous persons that that wise and good prince who was the originator of the first, should not have been spared to witness the success of this second International Exhibition. But such has been the will of The Great Disposer of the events of the world!

Yours, &c.,

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