

old and rich section of country, with a farming population of 2,333 persons, furnishing Society-lists to the number of 39, and single subscribers 222, total 261. Bruce, a new county, but with a farming population of 4,185, sends a Society-list of 85, and singles 190, in all 275. Carleton, with a farming population of 3,721, furnishes a Society-list of 50, and singles 45, irrespective of the city of Ottawa; which, with a farming population of only 39, sends a list of 65. Total for Carleton, inclusive of Ottawa, 160. Dundas, with a farming population of 2,196, sends a single list of 43: total for Dundas. Elgin, with a farming population of 2,348, sends singles to the number of 203 names, no Society-list. Grenville, with a farming population of 2,478, furnishes a Society-list of 13, and singles, 83; in all 96. Glengarry, with a farming population of 2,476, has no Society-list, but merely contributes 71 singles. Grey, with a farming population of 5,713,—second only to Huron in the number of its agricultural inhabitants, furnishes a single list of 125; total for Grey. Haldimand, embracing a fine section of country, and having a farming population of 2,629, has no Society-list, but sends 119 singles. Kent, with a farming population of 3,453, furnishes Society-lists of 60 names, singles 144, in all 204. Lincoln, in some respects the garden of Canada West, with a farming population of 1,993, sends no Society-list, but has 173 singles. Leeds, with a farming population of 3,706, sends Society-lists of 38 names, singles, 75; total, 113. Middlesex, a splendid farming region, with 5,930 farmers tilling its fertile soil, sends us Society-lists of 155 names, and singles, 509; total, 664. Norfolk, another fine section of country, and long-settled, with a farming population of 2819, has no Society-lists: 118 singles form the total for "glorious old Norfolk!" Oxford, one of the finest farming sections of Canada, with an agricultural population of 4,353, sends us Society-lists of 123 names, singles 407; total 530. Renfrew, with a farming population of 2,679, sends 61 names on Society-lists, and 106 singles; total 167. Stormont, with 1,819 farmers within its bounds, furnishes a single list of 10!—Perth, with 4,513 farmers, sends 162 names from Societies, and 391 singles; total, 553. Simcoe, with an agricultural population of 4,614, sends from Societies 141, and singles, 284; in all 425. Waterloo, with 2,792 farmers, furnishes 325 single subscribers. Welland, embracing within its bounds, most of the far-famed Niagara District, with a farming population of 2,181, sends singles to the number of 129,—grand total for Welland! Wellington, fertile, turnip-growing, stock-raising Wellington, with 5,407 farmers fattening on its unrivalled soil, sends 155 Society names, and 486 singles; total 641. It is clear from these comparative statements, that with moderate effort, the circulation of the CANADA FARMER can very easily be doubled, trebled, and even quadrupled. In addition to the brilliant example set by the County of Durham, other instances may be cited to show what has been done in some places, and can easily be done in others. Thus, the County of Wentworth sends us 1,083 subscribers. This, however, includes the City of Hamilton, which to its praise be it recorded, sends us 500 names. This fine list is chiefly due to the activity of the Horticultural Society of that city. Even Toronto, in this respect, "pales its ineffectual light" beside the radiant example set by "the ambitious little city," furnishing as it does only 208 subscribers. The County of York, inclusive of Toronto, sends us a list of 895, which might easily be doubled were suitable exertions made to that end. Why, for instance, cannot the combined efforts of the Toronto Horticultural and Gardeners' Improvement Societies, in a city of more than twice the population, at least equal Hamilton? The County of Hastings, with little more than two-thirds the population of York, and no Toronto in it, furnishes a list of 812. Halton, with only 1,877 farmers, has 503 names on our list; Lanark 737; while Northumberland sends us the respectable number of 1273 names.—

Little Russell, with only 690 farmers to boast of, furnishes 44 names.

It is not the least encouraging feature in our circulation, that we have many patrons outside the farming community. Hamilton is only credited with 26 farmers in the occupation department of the census, yet as we have seen, it nobly sends 500 names to our books. Toronto has only 67 farmers within its bounds, and yet takes 208 copies. Ottawa, with 39 farmers, furnishes a list of 65. The census does not tell us how many farmers reside within the precincts of Brockville, but to its honour it sends us 195 subscribers. In our first issue, we stated that it would be our aim to make the CANADA FARMER indispensable to every one who cultivates a rood of ground, and from the amount of space devoted to Horticulture, we may fairly include the gardening as well as farming community within our parish. Moreover, there are not a few pent up in city and town houses, who have not even a rood of ground to cultivate, who look forward to an escape some day into the country, and have many pleasant anticipations of rural life. To such the perusal of a journal such as this, is not only a preparation for the pursuits in which they hope to spend the even-tide of life,—but with their decided rural tastes is very like looking out of a town or city window into the country. Our Household, Poultry Yard, and Miscellaneous departments, are useful to others besides farmers and gardeners, and during the coming year, the department of Natural History will enhance the interest of the paper to general readers.

It is decidedly encouraging thus to survey the field of possible circulation, and see what room there is for indefinite expansion. And we feel that in urging the officers and members of Agricultural Societies to take up this matter, we are pleading for what, more than almost any other means, will tend to the increased prosperity of these organizations themselves. It is the reading, intelligent class of people who take an interest in such Societies; and, moreover, the offer of THE CANADA FARMER at its lowest club rate, is often found to be an effectual argument inducing membership in these Societies.

We cordially tender our best thanks to all who have laboured in the past to increase our circulation, and beg to assure our kind friends in various parts of the country that we highly appreciate, and shall ever gratefully remember their endeavours. Even in those counties where the lists are comparatively small, we are aware that there are those who have done what they could. Such deserve, and will please accept our hearty thanks. We beg a continuance of these favours from old friends, and trust they will be emulated by new ones. In this matter, union and co-operation are needed. Let each in his sphere and circle of influence do something, and the work will be accomplished to the satisfaction of all.

"THE FARMER'S GATE."—We would direct attention to an advertisement in our present issue under the above heading. Having two gates in satisfactory operation on our own premises, which were constructed according to the plans advertised, we can confidently recommend them. The cheapness and simplicity of this gate, are such as to leave no excuse for the existence of bars. Let every farmer, not properly provided with gates to his fields, improve his leisure moments during the winter and make a supply.

Notice of Publications.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY, pp. 15.—This pamphlet gives the history, general features, and commercial results of the important Treaty to which it relates. It is the admirable speech of the Hon. Joseph Howe, of Nova Scotia, delivered at the great International Commercial Convention held in Detroit last July, put in pamphlet form, for wider circulation and more easy reference. Published by T. and R. WHITE, Spectator Office, Hamilton.

CHRISTIAN UNION IN CANADA: its Desirableness, Possibility, and Extent. By RICHARD WEST, pp. 20.—We have received from the publishers, W. C. Chewett & Co., a copy of this pamphlet, the object of which—the promotion of Christian Union—is certainly a very laudable one.

NEW MUSIC.—We acknowledge the receipt from Messrs. A. & S. Nordheimer of the following pieces of new music: "DEUS MISEREATUR," ("God be merciful to us and bless us"), by MAMMAT, arranged for four voices. This is a very fine piece of music, specially suited for church choirs, and appropriate either for ordinary or anniversary occasions. The manner in which it is got up reflects much credit upon the enterprising publishers. THE BAND: a collection of choice music, such as is performed by the military bands. A selection of ten of the most admired pieces is here presented to the musical public, who will, no doubt, show their appreciation of them by purchasing them largely. Though it is band music which is selected, the whole collection is adapted to the piano and suited to the drawing-room. The Messrs. Nordheimer deserve much praise for their endeavours to furnish choice music of Canadian publication, and we have no hesitation in saying that the entire "get-up" of the pieces issued by them equals the issue of any other music-publishing-house on the continent.

County History: A Good Example.

MESSRS. McLagan and Innes, the enterprising proprietors of the *Wellington Mercury*, announce, in a circular, a copy of which has been sent us, that they have been engaged for some months past in collecting materials for a "History of the Early Settlement of Guelph, the Villages and Townships in the County of Wellington," and that they have made such progress as will enable them to commence its publication in the *Mercury*, in the first week of January, 1866. A portion will be given in each week's *Mercury*, and it will be continued weekly until the whole is finished. We quote a paragraph from the circular above mentioned:—"We are happy to inform you that many of the most intelligent and oldest settlers in the county (whose names and reminiscences will be given as the work progresses) will be contributors to it. In addition, we have, after long and patient search, succeeded in collecting many rare and valuable documents, books, letters, reports, &c., bearing on the early history of the County. From the actual experience and observations of settlers, and from the information to be obtained from these records, we will thus be able to lay before the public as full, complete and authentic a history of this district as it is possible to give. Many interesting reminiscences, many exciting stories, many amusing adventures, and many important facts not generally known, will enliven these sketches. As a record of the past, it will be most interesting to the old; and as a means of supplying information on a subject with which they are but slightly acquainted, it will be equally valuable and interesting to the young. The history of each Township will be brought down to the present time, and its progress from the period it was first settled till now, can therefore be easily traced."

This project, if carried out in a lively and entertaining manner, as we have no doubt it will be, cannot fail to prove an attractive feature in the Journal above-mentioned, and will be a valuable contribution to the local history of Canada. We cheerfully give publicity to the matter, at once, in the hope of aiding somewhat in the accomplishment of the object aimed at, and suggesting to others the performance of a similar duty, in other parts of the country. Many interesting facts are fast becoming traditional, and their memory will be utterly lost, unless the hand of some historian hastens to record them. We know of but few better purposes to which a portion of space, in a local journal, can be devoted.