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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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We desire to call the special attention of Members of Agricultural Societies to several papers in the present number, and, first, to the Circular issued by the Central Board to Secretaries. The Annual Meeting of every Agricultural Society in the Province will be held on Tuesday, 4th December. This is the business meeting of the year. The Society's Officers will give in-an-account of their stewardship, Members will move votes of thanks or pass condemnatory resolutions, according to circumstances, and the whole year's proceedings will be placed on record for submission through the Board to the House of Assembly.

The Annual Reports of Societies, as well as the Attested Lists of Membership, must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Central Board not later than 31st December. The Act provides that Societies failing to do so shall forfeit their claim to Provincial allowance.

Next year is the year for District Exhibitions in the Province. It will be seen from the Circular that Societies in the several Districts are required, at the earliest possible opportunity, to determine upon suitable localities for the holding of such District Exhibitions, and to report the result not later than 1st March. The date is extended thus far to give Societies time to communicate with each other and settle upon localities likely to meet the convenience and approval of all,—but communication should be opened at once. The Societies

in each District should, if possible, come to a satisfactory understanding, so that when the Board meets in March there may be no delay. District No. 1 includes Halifax and Lunenburg. District No. 2, Kings, Annapolis and Queens. District No. 3, Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth. District No. 4, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland. District No. 5, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough. District No. 6, Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria. Provision is made by the Legislature for a District Exhibition in each of these Districts in 1884, the grant of \$4,000 as a Prize Fund being divided among the Districts in proportion to the number of Counties in each.

At the Annual Meeting, the Members of Societies elect their Officers for the ensuing year, and the Officers thereupon proceed to nominate a Member to the Central Board.

SHIRLEY HIBBERD'S Apple Lore will interest our Pomological Readers. We should like very much to be enabled through the kindness of some of our King's County or Annapolis friends, to supplement Shirley's paper by some account of the origin of the names of Nova Scotian Apples. The History of Names is an interesting subject, as was shown lately by Dr. Hill's paper at the Historical Society on the Names of the Streets of Halifax, and the names of our peculiar Nova Scotian Apples have also their story to tell.

We call special attention to the synopsis of Lecture to Farmers' Wives by Mr. Jenkins, the active Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. This Lecture ought to suggest to the common-sense farmers of Nova Scotia that our present pressing and real need in this Province is not so much the teaching of abstract principles as instruction in manual operations and the general diffusion of useful and strictly correct information among the young people throughout the country. Mr. Jenkins' Lecture is full of suggestive lessons.

THE Dominion Exhibition was held in Halifax in the year 1881. In 1885 it may be reasonably hoped that it will be again accorded to this Province, if sufficient effort is made to prepare for it. Let us hope that the City Council of Halifax, or some other public body, profiting by the lessons of the past, will catch old Father Time by his forelock, and not leave us to run after his bald head as we had to do on the previous occasion.

THE Royal Agricultural Society of England advertises that the Examination of Candidates for the Society's Junior Scholarships, value twenty pounds sterling each, will take place simultaneously in the Society's Rooms, in London, and at the Schools from which pupils are entered by the Head Master, on Nov- 13th and 14th.