

## INDIVIDUAL INFLUENCE.

ROBERT COLLYER says:—"Out of your life there flows, every day, some spiritual influence as true in its nature and degree as any ever known. You may never write a book or even a letter; but then, no more did Jesus Christ. No mistake can be greater, than to suppose that I have done my duty by my home, by filling it with plenty, or my children, in securing them the best teachers; or that I have been true to my marriage vows, because I have kept myself pure, and never stinted my wife in her expenses; or to Church and State, because I have voted right on election days, and been in my time a deacon. Oh friend, I tell you unspeakably more is that mysterious and holy influence of a sound, elastic, cheerful human soul, in a body to match. I see once in a while a home, in which I am just as sure that it is impossible for the children to go radically wrong, as it is for the planet to turn the other way upon her axis. The whole law of their life, of their spiritual gravitation, is fixed by the strong, sweet father and mother, resolute, above all, to preserve the right attraction, though there may be less at last in counted dollars."

## Answers to Correspondents.

W. B., Adelaide.—Should be most happy to come, but cannot possibly spare time now. It can be attended to in the fall. Your account is square.

F. F., St. Thomas.—We take notice of every thing that we consider deserving of it, but our attention was not called to the subject, and we have much to attend to.

H. W. Milford.—Thanks for information.

J. F., Burnstown.—You have overpaid. The envelope is destroyed.

Dixon's Corners.—We would not purchase grain from D., because we had not confidence. The best we must have.

T. F. C., Beamsville.—25c too much received and placed to your credit.

AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENCE.—Send a few grains of your 1st prize Algerian wheat in a letter. Send us particulars of your conversation with Prince Alfred. When you have an opportunity to send a small package of grain, via England do so. We want the best grain from all parts of the world.

G. A., Maidstone Cross, asks the proper treatment for a horse badly sprained in the fetlock? We answer the principal thing needed is rest. Applications of cold water in which salt has been dissolved will be found beneficial. Any Veterinary surgeon is requested to send in a better remedy and we will publish it. We will pay the postage on such a letter, but the name of the surgeon must be given.

## Communications.

For the Farmer's Advocate.

## ALSIKE CLOVER.

SIR:—As there seems to be a great anxiety among farmers to know how the Alsike clover is going to answer here in Canada, I will give you my experience with it. In the Spring of 1866 I sowed a small field of four and a quarter acres with wheat and seeded it with Alsike clover, at the rate of four and a half pounds of seed to the acre. It took well and last June I spread one and a half barrels of plaster on the field. The clover on the 1st of July was nicely in bloom, the bees daily covering the blossoms, almost like a swarm. The last of the month I cut and secured over twenty loads of hay, and it being well filled with seed I concluded to save it until winter and thresh it for the seed. Accordingly I did so, and about four weeks ago I employed a clover mill and threshed it out, and had thirty bushels of beautiful seed, which sells readily for 30c per pound. There is already over 20 bushels of it engaged, and when it is all sold it will bring the nice little sum of six hundred dollars and the hay left yet, which I am now feeding to my stock, and consider it as good as red clover hay now. I have this Spring seeded down ten acres more with it, and I can recommend it to all my brother farmers as being all it is said to be for a hay crop, or to cut for seed, or for pasture for stock, and for bees. It does not heave out of the ground in the Spring like our red clover. It will soon become a favorite with the majority of farmers in Canada.

Parties purchasing seed should be sure and get the right kind, as I am informed that there is a small inferior kind that grows short and brings a light crop.

H. M. THOMAS.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 15th, 1868.

For the Farmer's Advocate.

## HORSES, SEED, &amp;C.

FENELON FALLS, Feb. 12th, 1868.

MR. EDITOR:—I am much pleased to see the way you are attempting to check the increase of the light flimsy stock of horses too often found on many farms. I knew an instance in England of a farmer that used ten teams of draught horses. He read so much about the toughness of the Arabs and the Hunters, that he determined to do his work with them. He believed it would be more profitable, and at a less cost for feed, but after giving them a fair trial he abandoned them as not the proper stock for profit. They are not the class of horses we want here. They may do for those that have money and time to squander, but in Canada, if

properly managed, there should be no chase in the way, as such things have to be kept up by the poor of the land.

You are enquiring about Spring wheat. In this part of the country we have various kinds, viz: the Scotch or Fife wheat brought into the country by Mr. Fife of Otonaby, near Peterboro. It did well for some years, but at present cannot be depended on, as it does not fill, and will not average more than five bushels per acre. Last year I tried the Clinton, it answered a little better, but it will not suit. I presume it is the same quality as the Golden Drop, liable to rust and the attack of the midge. The best and most to be depended on is the Rio Grande. There is some of Platt's wheat, reported to be Midge Proof, brought into this section this winter for Spring sowing.

In the year 1866 Grasshoppers were very numerous here. I raised black main oats and white oats. Two-thirds of my black oats were destroyed, while the white were unmolested. I found the same results last year.

I am not in the habit of writing for publication, and do not request you to publish the above, but if there is anything worth using in it, it is at your service.

Yours respectfully,

J. D. NAYLOR.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find \$1 subscription for the *Farmer's Advocate*. Direct Mr. Francis Brown, Fenelon Falls. You will also find two dollars for my subscription, and something may be due for numbers I have received. However, you may keep the balance as it may assist you a little.

J. D. N.

DEAR SIR: Accept our fourfold thanks 1st for your highly valuable communication. We were not aware that the white oats were not attacked by Grasshoppers. When the Grasshoppers were numerous with us we only raised the black oats, and that knowledge alone would be very valuable to us. Perhaps some of our other readers would oblige us with facts about this. If it is the same in other sections, the knowledge of those few lines will be worth at least \$5,000 a year to the country. That little winged pest, we believe, has destroyed 200,000 bushels of oats some years. We have seen a 20 acre field totally destroyed by them, and hundreds of acres half destroyed.

2dly. We thank you for your subscrip-

tion.