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EDITORIAL.

FARMERS' GATHERINGS.

In another column will be found reference to a mass meeting, or picnic, to be held by the members of the Grange in Pennsylvania, when speeches will be delivered by prominent men, agriculturists and others, also, an exhibition of agricultural implements. Gatherings such as these are of great advantage to farmers, and we wish there could be more of them held in Canada. If we do not undertake an exhibition or picnic, like the one referred to, we might at least take advantage of the Fall exhibitions and endeavor to get our farmers together on some specified day, when addresses might be delivered by prominent men. Those of our readers who attended the "Toronto Exhibition," and the exhibition of the "Provincial Agricultural Arts Association," at London, last year, will call to mind the pleasant days and large numbers present, when friends from all parts of the Province met. We have been waiting to hear of some effort made, either by Dominion to Provincial Granges, in each Province, for similar gatherings, but are yet disappointed. In both cases referred to, last year, the result was a financial gain to Dominion and Ontario Provincial Granges, and aside from this, the fact of getting so many together on one day for social intercourse, should be sufficient to induce the effort. We hope to hear of something of the kind, and if no effort be put forth by the institutes referred to, The CANADIAN FARMER will seriously consider the matter, and, if receiving sufficient encouragement from the enquiries they propose making, will proceed to act upon the suggestion.

P. S.—Since writing the above we learn by report of meeting of the executive committee of Dominion Grange that an effort is to be made by that body for a general gathering at Toronto Exhibition. We hope this will be carried into effect, and will join in making it a success.

TRI-STATE PICNIC OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We are in receipt of circular calling attention to the holding of the Ninth Tri-State Pic-nic of the Patrons of Husbandry of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, to be held at Wil-

liams' Grove, Cumberland Co., Pa., commencing on Monday, Aug. 21st, and lasting until Saturday, the 26th. Excursion rates on all the railways leading to the place. Agricultural and scientific addresses will be delivered by farmers and statesmen. A large exhibition of agricultural implements, &c., is expected. This effort, which is largely due to the energy and perseverance of Bro. R. H. Thomas of the Farmer's Friend, is a worthy one, and has been attended in the past with great success. In referring to the above, we have to acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend meeting of the "Cumberland Valley Editorial Association" to be held on the 25th, which is "Editor's Day" at the picnic, also to acknowledge the invitation extended to us to attend a complimentary dinner given by Bro. R. H. Thomas that day.

Mr. S. W. HILL left Toronto on Thursday, the 22nd, for the North-West as one of a committee appointed by "The Temperance Colonization Society" to investigate and report on their land on the South Saskatchewan. As a great deal of interest is being taken in North-West lands, and especially those lands owned by "The Temperance Colonization Society," any information regarding the soil, location, climate, &c., will be read with pleasure. Mr. Hill will give us occasional reports of his travels, and what he sees, which we will insert in the columns of the FARMER for the benefit of our readers.

FROM ST. KITT'S, B. WEST INDIES.

George Fox, in his first epistle to the Governor of Barbadoes, gives the soundest reasons ever written for liberty of conscience. He and others of the society, of which in a sense he was the founder, had suffered in purse and person, and knew somewhat of what they wrote about. Friends, from their first rising, were often called to visit the West Indian Islands, and more than once the query has been put to me: "In your wanderings among these islands, have you ever found any vestige of the works of early Quakers?" I will, as it were, in answer to the above query, give you an account of the only meeting known to be in existence, of those built up by Friends. Both men and women Friends have visited in gospel love, and with a message of mercy, all these islands, but I will confine myself to this Island of Nevis, where I now am. This island was the slave market of the Leeward Caribbee Islands; perhaps it was for that reason that it took up the time and attention of so many Friends.

We read that in 1638 Peter Head, John Rouse and Mary Fisher lodged at the house of Humphrey Highwood, who was not a Quaker then, but he was imprisoned a month by the Governor for inadvertently omitting to give notice of the arrival of strangers, as required by law. In 1682, John Taylor says of Nevis: "I found some Friends who were desirous I should stay with them. I traveled from meeting to meeting in the town, and at Haydock's and up the country." (See Journal of J. T.) In 1773, J. T. says: "I went to visit the Churches of Christ in Nevis, Antigua and St. Christopher, and we had many brave meetings in all these islands; some-

times at the Governor's and other chieftain's houses, and in their great sugar-mill houses."

In 1675, John Brown, John Carpenter and F. Green were put in the stocks for going to New River Church and warning the priest, during service, to depart from iniquity. They were also imprisoned two months, and afterwards had 300 pounds of sugar for fixing a paper against the church wall, the fine not being paid, they were all sent to prison.

The Marshall took from John Brown a negro man, worth 4,000 pounds of sugar, and sold him for 2,000; and, being a poor man, this was a great loss to him.

In 1676-7, Jasper Tryone, of Antigua, being at a meeting in Nevis, was committed to prison.

In 1677, a fine of twenty pounds sterling, in the meeting house at Charleston, was laid on Lawrence Haydock.

John Carpenter, having a meeting at his house at which several of his negroes were present, the latter were put in irons in the fort for three days.

In the same year (1677) a law was made that captains should find 5,000 pounds of sugar for bringing Quakers to the island. John Brown, banished for fixing a warning to the church door, David Pencoman, for not appearing in arms at the alarm, was tied by the neck and heels—so close together that he was nearly suffocated—and beaten by Captain Earl. Altogether, this year, there were thirty-two persons imprisoned, and twenty-four fined.

In 1683, William Edmundson says: "In Nevis, where were honest, tender Friends, I had many meetings with them; to which, also, many people came—amongst them several justices of the peace, who confessed the truth. The Chief Judge and his wife were both convinced, and came to several meetings."

In 1707, T. Chalkly says: "We sailed to Nevis and had meetings with the few Friends there."

1709, "Nevis."—Here I went ashore, and, meeting with James Boyden, he invited me to his lodgings in town. After dinner we went to some hot springs near the town, which were so hot that we could scarce put our hands in without scalding them, and the same where the water issued was scarce to be touched, it being so hot. Next morning, being First Day, we rode into the country at eight miles, on the worst way for stones that ever I rode, to the house of Mary Wilson, an honest friend; where, in a meeting of eight or nine persons (for since the French invasion few Friends are left on the island), the Lord was pleased to give us a comfortable use of the love together. (Life of John Story, 443.)

When in this part of the world, some years ago, I had more than once heard of a sect or party called Noahites, Shakers or Quakers, which was everywhere spoken against. I was concerned to know who, or what they were. So one day I went to make inquiry; found it is recorded that these Friends had come to the island, as before stated. The record goes on to say: "But eventually, the Quakers managed to gain a firm footing in that part of the islands called the Lowlands, where is found evidence of their last resting place, in a rude stone which marks the resting place of one of the members of the society."

A daughter of the then Gov. Lake was interred in the same place, and himself soon after. The memorial to Miss Lake forms a part of the pavement to the parish church; that to the father, if any ever existed, is not to be found. After some little trouble I found my way to what is marked on the map of the island, "Quaker Cemetery." Here, at the corner of two public roads, a pretty large space of ground—much of it overgrown with bush—is the resting-place of all that