

years ago we could get *two dollars* per bushel for our wheat and other grain in production; for a horse \$200, yoke of oxen \$250; labour was \$15 per month and board. Times are changed, I think we may look forward now for better. Our country is becoming cleared up. We have good markets at our doors, have good schools and churches, in fact everything we need except roads.

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.**—This Society was first formed in 1843, when it received from the Governor General a donation of five pounds. It has since maintained its existence, and has received the annual aid under various parliamentary enactments in the same manner as other county societies.

I believe that if there were no branch societies, but one grand County Society, all subscriptions and Government grants to be received for the one great society, it would be the first in the Province. Elect proper officers—men who will work, put their shoulders to the wheel, and move forward, persevere, unite, and we shall prosper. Where there is union there is strength.

#### TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES.

**EASTERN BRANCH.**—This Society, organized in January, 1860, embraced in its limits the townships of Moulton, Sherbrooke, Dunn, and Canboro. It consisted of one hundred members, subscribing \$1 each.

**RAINHAM.**—Forty eight members; subscription, \$48; balance from previous year, \$27; share of public grant, \$67 96; total received, \$155 23. Paid premiums, \$2 75; expenses, \$29 88; balance on hand, \$2 60.

**SENECA, ONEIDA, AND CAYUGA.**—Fifty members; amount of subscription, \$53; balance from 1858, \$1 33; grant, \$84 95; wheat sold, \$24 12; total received, \$340. Paid premiums, \$125 75; expenses, \$41 68; balance due treasurer, \$33. The directors of this society forward the extended and interesting general reports on the agriculture of the townships, being to a great extent a repetition of the report from the county, they are not here detailed.

**ALFOLE.**—One hundred and fourteen members; subscription, \$117; balance from previous year, \$56 25; grant, \$165 66; total received, \$338 91. Paid premiums, \$; expenses, \$36; balance in treasurer's hands, \$47 91.

## Miscellaneous.

### God's Plan in Geography.

The physical geographer now claims that the particular arrangement of seas, continents, mountains, and rivers, which earth has received, is the very best that could be given for the purpose to which the earth is destined. As the divine wisdom is manifested in the order and adaptation of the parts of the human body, of animals and of plants, so there is an object in the particular shape the continents have been made to assume. Everything works in harmony with a divine plan, which we claim to be beginning to comprehend.

Change the position of Asia and Europe, and you would have ruin and death. Ireland, now always green, would have the climate of Labrador. Compare the British Isles, Norway and Sweden, with the corresponding latitudes upon our own coasts, and we see the dreadful consequences. Take away the Andes; which arrest the rain-clouds, and South America, that most wonderfully watered continent, would be a desert. Take away the Rocky Mountains, or change their direction to east or west, and we have our own fertile country ruined. Elevate our southern coast so as to change the direction of the Mississippi, and what mischief would ensue!

There is literally a face to nature, as there is a face to man. As we have our circulation of the blood, so there is the circulation of the earth's great heart of fire, the circulation of the waters and the ventilation of the air. We have yet to consider these varied shades of nature in their relations to each other, and to man and animal life. But we are not to stop here. The physical geographer claims that the influences bearing upon the intellect of man can be explained by the peculiar arrangement of the earth's surface. We know that civilization has marched from east to west, from Asia to Europe, and even across the Atlantic to the new world—growing and expanding in its course. We can see what has been developed in Asia and Europe, and many predict something for America—*Prof. Doremus.*

## Editorial Notices &c.

**OUR PRESENT VOLUME.**—We have much pleasure in being able to announce that the subscriptions for the present volume of the *Agriculturist* are coming in in the most satisfactory manner. We fully anticipate obtaining a much larger circulation this year than ever heretofore.

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