

education, and of promoting the great objects which it is the function of this Board to foster and secure. It is my intention to spend the greatest part of the summer vacation in visiting the Agricultural Societies of the Province, with a view of obtaining and imparting information.

"If Providence should extend my days beyond the ordinary period of active exertion, this handsome gift will continue to serve as a pleasing memento of past scenes and duties, and old cherished friends; and it will, I trust, descend as an heir-loom in my family, and serve to remind those who come after, that to enjoy the confidence and sympathy of their associates, they must act in a manner to deserve them.

"Permit me, Mr. President, in conclusion, to observe, that I feel peculiar pleasure in receiving this Testimonial at the hands of a Canadian farmer; one who has devoted a long and consistent life in promoting the agriculture and common good of his native land. And may that land, under the guidance of a beneficent Providence, continue to enjoy through all succeeding generations, the priceless blessings of British freedom, and the cheering light and immortal hopes of our common christianity!

The testimonial consisted of a silver pitcher and two drinking goblets, of handsome design and workmanship, and manufactured by Mr. W. Morrison, of Toronto.

On one side the pitcher bears the following inscription:—"Presented by the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada to George Bickland, Esq., Professor of Agriculture in the University College, Toronto, as a slight testimonial of his long and valued services as Secretary of the Board and of the Agricultural Association, Sep. 1859." Underneath are two cornucopias, proceeding from which and forming a scroll around the inscription are ears of wheat, a scythe, rake, fork, &c., all beautifully worked and artistically grouped. On the opposite side of the jug, within a similar scroll, is the rural scene of a farmer plowing; and in front are the arms of the Association. The base is formed of a sheaf of wheat, leaning against which are various agricultural implements, such as a spade, scythe, hoe, rake and fork. The handle represents the branch of a tree deprived of its limbs, and is enriched with maple leaves in frosted silver. The goblets bear the inscrip-

tion—"Presented to Professor Buckland by the Board of Agriculture, 1859," and are neatly chased and engraved with fancy scroll work.

The Board then proceeded to regular business.

Present: E.W. Thomson, President; Hon. G. Alexander, A. A. Burnham, Hon. H. Ruttan, R. L. Denison, Hon. D. Christie, Professor Buckland, J. Wade, Dr. Beatty, J. E. Pell.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The following letters and communications were submitted by the Secretary:—

From Mr. W. Ferguson, of Kingston, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

From Mr. E. Garratt, of London, Provisional Chairman of the Local Committee for the Exhibition of 1861, recommending the names of certain persons to be placed upon the Committee.

From R. T. Pennefather, Esq., Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, informing the Board that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been pleased to place at the disposal of the Board the sum of Two hundred pounds, to be applied in the distribution of prizes, as shown by the following extract from a letter to Sir E. Head from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle:

"The sum of £200 to be placed at the disposal of each of the two Agricultural Associations of Upper and Lower Canada, to be applied by the Directors of those Societies to the distribution of prizes in such way as may appear, after due consideration, best calculated to promote the important objects for which the Associations were formed."

From Mr. Fearman, of Hamilton, asking payment for certain articles lost at the late exhibition.

The Treasurer submitted his Report and balance sheet, with the report of the Auditors, showing, that for the financial year, terminating 18th September, 1860, including a balance of \$8,028 85 from the previous audit, the sum of \$51,718 65 had been received, and the sum of \$46,238 18 had been paid, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$5,480 47.

The Secretary laid upon the table the various publications which had been presented to the Board since the last meeting, consist