

named society, and has kindly consented to superintend it. The object of the society is to create and encourage a taste for Horticulture in its various branches. Mr. Young deserves great credit for his exertions in organizing this society which must prove of great advantage to the rising generation. We hope the parents and others will do all in their power to aid him in forwarding so laudable an undertaking."

This is a most praiseworthy example, to which we wish every success, and hope to see it followed in many parts of the Province. In all the older settled portions of the country Horticulture should begin to receive special attention. It is a most interesting and valuable pursuit, the natural ally of agriculture; they mutually illustrate and assist each other. The culture of flowers falls peculiarly within woman's province, and we shall be happy to be assured that our fair readers are generally interesting themselves in so beautiful and refining a pursuit. Who that has ever seen the cottage-homes of England, with their bowers of honey-suckles, roses, &c., and small patches of tastefully-arranged and carefully-cultivated flowers, but must desire to witness the reproduction of such refining and attractive objects in this country. A taste for these things is, like order and cleanliness, closely allied to the higher moral virtues, and may be ranked among the safeguards of domestic purity and contentment. While the cultivation of fruits and vegetables occupies a position of high economic importance in all civilised communities, and ministers largely to the comfort, health, and happiness of mankind. Let the spirit which animates our young friends in Berlin only become general,—a result to which all true education should tend,—and instead of a few Horticultural Societies, indifferently supported in a few of our larger towns, such organizations would shortly cover all the older settled portions of the Province, and exercise a powerful influence in refining the taste, and in adding to the solid comforts and material happiness of all classes of the community.

CANADA—ITS PRODUCTIONS AND RESOURCES.

The Journal of the Society of Arts, England, contains a very interesting paper read at a meeting of the Society on 12th May, 1858, by Professor Jno. Wilson, F.R.S.E., "On Canada, its productions and resources." Although much of the information contained in the paper, will not be new to many of our readers, still, as it is always more or less interesting to hear what is said of our country at a distance, and as information promulgated by so important an institution as the Society of Arts will exercise great influence in England, we copy a considerable portion of the paper and of the discussion upon it. We may add that Professor Wilson has shown himself a warm and active friend of Canada in connection with the display of her products at the great Exhibitions at London, Paris and New York, and on various other occasions. The learned Professor commences with a hasty sketch of the early political history and settlement of the Province, of its geology and physical geography, and of its mineral wealth. He then continues:—