

*January* in each year; and that a perfect and certified copy of such Reports be sent to the Secretary of the *County Society*, *previous* to the annual meeting thereof, which the law directs to be held in *February*. The Secretaries of County Societies are required to transmit their own Reports, with those of their respective Townships, *to the Board of Agriculture in Toronto, on, or before, the 1st day of April*. Some of these documents have on previous occasions been sent to the Bureau of Agriculture at Quebec, thereby occasioning both inconvenience and delay.

We understand that a plan for publishing all that is interesting and valuable in the Reports of Societies, together with those of the Provincial Association, Prize Essays, &c., will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Agriculture, and that there is every probability of its being carried into execution. Societies will therefore consult their own usefulness and character by making their Reports as full, systematic, and interesting, as possible.

#### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The annual commencement of this Institution took place on Friday, November 24th, in the capacious Hall of the Legislative Council, which was filled to overflowing. Mr. Chancellor Blake presided. A large number of students matriculated, and academic degrees were conferred. The occasion was highly interesting, and the addresses of the Chancellor and the various Professors were excellent. The learned and esteemed President, Rev. Dr. McCaul, was, as usual, eloquent, happy, and impressive. A number of premiums, consisting of medals and books, were given; among them may be mentioned two in the Agricultural department. The first, offered by Wm. Matthie, Esq., of Brockville, the late President of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, was won by Mr. J. E. Sanderson; the other, given by a member of the Board of Agriculture, was awarded to Mr. W. W. Baldwin, son of the Hon. Robert Baldwin. Professor Buckland, in presenting these prizes, paid a well-merited compliment to Mr. Matthie, and spoke highly

of the industry and attainments of the successful candidates, who had not won their honors without a close competition.

By the way, we may observe, that the Senate have established five Scholarships in Agriculture, of the annual value of £30 each. Three of these Scholarships were available the present year, but we regret to say that only one has been taken. We trust that our farmers will ponder this circumstance, and, in these prosperous times, will be disposed to give their sons the opportunity of enjoying the great advantages which the University offers them, in common with all other classes of the community.

#### RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR LOW.

Professor Low, after having occupied the Chair of Agriculture in the University of Edinburgh, for nearly a quarter of a century, has, we regret to learn, found it necessary, on account of bodily infirmities, to resign that important situation.

Mr. Low has been distinguished for a number of years as an accomplished and trustworthy writer on practical Agriculture. His "Elements," which comprise the substance of his college lectures, have gone through several editions, and his treatises on the Management of Landed Property, and the Domesticated Animals of the Farm, rank among the highest standard publications of British agricultural literature. The larger edition of *Farm Animals*, published several years since, at a very high price, is a work of great artistic merit, containing highly finished colored engravings, on a large scale, of the justly celebrated portraits of farm animals belonging to the Museum of the Highland Society. A copy of this valuable work has recently been added to the library of University College, Toronto. Notwithstanding the high attainments of Professor Low, his class in the University, we believe, was never large;—a characteristic, unfortunately, of most Agricultural Professorships that have been hitherto established. Time, however, will, no doubt, work a gradual remedy, and place agriculturists, and their noble profession, in their rightful position in all our academic Institutions.