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SPECIAL NOTICE TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The year has well nigh reached its close, yet our list of Returns from Agricultural Societies is not by any means complete. Some of the Societies had so much extra work in connection with the Provincial Exhibition, that their ordinary business, collecting subscriptions, paying bills and preparing Reports, fell into abeyance for a month or two, other Societies again, in remote parts, have, in consequence of dull times, found some difficulty in completing their lists at the usual time. We trust that there will be no longer delay; every Society that has not already done so should immediately send in its attested Return, showing the number of members and amount actually paid by them into the funds during the year. Societies neglecting to do this will necessarily be excluded from participation in the Grant, as the money appropriated to the various Counties will be paid to their respective Societies in January.

It is likewise the duty of the officers of every Society to name a candidate to represent their District at the Board of Agriculture.

A NOVA SCOTIAN ABROAD.

We are sure that many of our readers will share in the gratification which we experienced while reading the communication in this number over the *nom de plume* of HALIFAXIAN, not only on account of the interesting and useful information which it gives respecting the present condition of Horticulture in Scotland, but likewise because of the earnest spirit of progress which it exhibits, and the desire expressed that Nova Scotia should, in some measure, follow the example of Old Scotland.

Our correspondent, with the modesty which so well becomes a young man, hides himself in the tropical forest which he so aptly describes, but it will do no harm if we inform our readers,

in a sort of half confidential way, that they are indebted for the communication to Mr. JAMES HUTTON, Jr., son of the worthy Superintendent of the Halifax Horticultural Gardens. As a boy he had excellent educational training at Truro under the Rev. Dr. Forrester, afterwards he acquired a knowledge of the practical part of his occupation in the Horticultural Gardens, and now he is spending a year or two in Scotland, perfecting, under the instruction of some of the best gardeners of Scotland, the training which was so well begun. Were his example more commonly followed by young men in other walks of life, as well as the one he has chosen, their efforts would do as much for the industrial progress of the Province as anything else we know of. There are fertile fields for intelligent labour in this Province, on the farm, in the mine, the workshop, and on the sea, and it is at once the duty and the interest of our young men to qualify themselves, in the highest possible degree, for their successful culture.