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Cultivation of Flax.

lowing interesting account of a meeting held in in that branch of manufacture. Under these the West Riding of Yorkshire, for the promotion of the cultivation of flax, which we copy from the Leeds Mercury. Some of the greatest noblemen of the kingdom took a part in the proceedings of the meeting, and the information choited is of a highly valuable and interesting nature. The principal speaker on the occasion [†] referred to, was Mr. Henry Briggs, who brought of flax, arising from the behef that it is an exforward a fund of practical information on the subject rarely to be met with. We copy Mr. Brigg's speech for the information of our readers," and in doing so, we hope that some of our lead-the concerned to be sufficient to show that the and means in introducing the califyation of flax than wheat, he thus proceeded to mamiain that and hemp in this country, upon such a scale, it was a most profitable crop to the farmer:that it may ultimately become a profitable atticle of export.

Mr. Henry Briggs next read his paper on the growth of flax in Great Britain and Ireland. of promoting and encouraging the growth of flax in the United Kingdom, as a substitute for im-ported cotton. The scarcity of cotton and its low - - - The details are as fol-lows - consequently enhanced price had greatly dimm- lows :ished its consumption; and the greatly curtailed

hours of labour, with the attendent curtailment in the amount of wages paid, were now having A friend recently pretented us with the fol- their, baneful effect upon the operatives employed circumstances, we naturally looked around for some substitute costing less, or being qualified to produce a superior fabric at the same price, and it appeared to him that probably flax was most likely to afford the desiderata, and that as cotton formerly in a great measure superseded the use of flax, so the latter may again obtain the ascendency, and become a formidable rival. He proceeded to take up the objection to the growth hausting crop-an idea which he went on to show was totally discountenanced by both theory and practice, when its cultivation was conducted upon proper principals. Having advanced what ing agriculturists will combine their influence, growth of flax is not necessarily an exhausting The expenses of growing flix have been voriously estimated, by some much too high, and by others below what I conceive to be the real truth. The proper medium I believe to be about £12 The first part of the paper pointed out the policy include acre, taking into consideration the whole operations, from the preparation of the

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Dressing, dragging, rolling, harrowing, and picking,	0	12	6	*****	~	7	Ğ	
One ploughing in spring.	Ō		ă		ŏ	2	ĭ	
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Harrowing, sowing, and rolling the seed,	ň	5	ŏ		ŏ			
Seed, 23 bushels, at 7s	ň	17	č	•••••		1	6	
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· 2 men 1½ days, at 25 6s								
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Scatching, 50 stone weight, at 1s. 6d	3	15	0			15	ŏ	
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If the above data are tolerably correct, an in- ury confined to the more wealthy members of the teresting inquiry ensues, whether flax cannot be community, but as an economical as well as a most produced on such terms as successfully to com- desuable and durable material for both personal pete in its cost with cotton, and still leave a fair, and domestic use. Now suppose that £4 per and reasonable remoneration to the grower, acre be considered a fair profit to the farmer, the Should this be the case, linen may then be ex- produce, in order to yield that sum, must fetch censively used as a common fabric, not as a lux- £16, which may be estimated as follows: