

sponges, that afford no less delight to the eye, and are no less gently agitated by the heaving waters, than the most beautiful garden in earth when a gentle breeze passes through the waving boughs."—*The Sea and its Living Wonders.*

ORDER.—Never leave things lying about—a shawl here, a pair of slippers there, and a bonnet some where else—trusting to a servant to set things to rights. No matter how many servants you have, it is a miserable habit, and if its source is not in the intellectual and moral character, it will inevitable terminate there. If you have used the dipper, towel, tumbler, etc., put them back in their places, and you will know where to find them if you want them again. Or, if you set an example of carelessness, do not blame your servants for following it. Children should be taught to put things back in their places as soon as they are old enough to use them. If each member of the family were to observe this simple rule, the house would never get much out of order, and a large amount of vexation and useless labor would be avoided.

THE END OF LITERARY DISCIPLINE.—To attain a power of exact expression is the one end of true literary discipline. To put his whole thought and express his actual emotion in his words, not to interpolate clever embellishments, is the object even of the careful writer, when he takes pains to revise what he has written. It is true that men write feebly who write as they speak. Spoken language has eyes, hands, every movement of the face, every gesture, of the body every tone of the speaker's voice, to illustrate it as it flows. To written language all these aids are wanting, and the want of all must be supplied by care for the right use of words.—*London Quarterly Review.*

COWBELLS.—It is said that a good cowbell of rolled sheet-iron, well made, with a mouth three by five inches, can be distinctly heard at a distance of from three to five miles. It is said that a farmer in England provides all his cows with bells tuned to different notes in the scale, and the whole running through several octaves. A visitor to this farm is charmed by the music, as well as by the sleek sides of the cattle. Sometimes he hears several notes in unison, then a slight discord, and then a sweet harmony, and all varied by the rising and falling of the breeze.

Editorial Notices, &c.

Report on the County of Bruce.

We give in the Transactions of this number, the conclusion of the Report on the County of Bruce. The Author has drawn a very dismal

picture, we cannot help thinking too much of some of the institutions of that rapidly progressing County; and some of his opinions on practical points appear to us to be rather the result of theorizing than of experience. The report, however, contains much information of useful character, and many suggestions deserving the attention of the settler in a new County. Some portions not quite suitable to the pages of the *Agriculturist*, we were obliged to omit.

PRIZES FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY REPORTS.—We regret that owing to numerous circumstances which need not be fully stated here, a long delay has taken place in announcing the premiums for the best Reports received from County and Township Agricultural Societies in the year 1860, sent in competition accordance with the programme previously published. The Committee have now however made their report, which we subjoin:—

The Committee appointed to examine the County and Township Agricultural Societies received at the office of the Board of Agriculture in 1860, have now done so, and they report as follows;

The Dundas County Report is somewhat more voluminous than desired, but as it contains the largest and most carefully prepared amount of information, they award it the first prize of \$30. West Durham, West Middlesex, and West Brant, approach each other nearly in order of merit, and the committee had some difficulty in deciding between them. On the whole, however, they have concluded to award the

West Durham Report	the 2nd prize of \$20.
West Middlesex " "	3rd " 10.
and West Brant " "	4th " 5.

Amongst the remaining reports those of North York and Haldimand rank very nearly with the two to which prizes have been awarded, and are deserving of attention; for the information and suggestions they contain. The Committee would also notice the Reports from North York, South Simcoe, Victoria, Niagara, Kent, Brant, and Elgin. Several others also, although they contain statistics and other information of a character useful for reference.