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The *Bermudian* of the 28th September, contains the following remarks upon the subject of Agriculture, which we readily transfer to our columns, as a great part of it is particularly applicable to the Society of this County, and the entire article will afford some useful hints, which may hereafter be acted upon.

"The Governor, in his excellent speech at the prorogation of the Legislature, alluded to the formation of a Central Agricultural Society, as a desirable object. When we consider the general attention which the cultivation of the soil now receives—the handsome increase of production—and the wide spread interest felt in our agricultural improvement, as evinced by the immense mass of people who assembled at the exhibition in May last, the judiciousness of His Excellency's allusion flashes at once upon the mind.

"It is needless to attempt to enumerate the advantages, so self-evident are they, which must be the effluence of a Central Agricultural Society, formed of individuals who would sedulously endeavour to promote its objects. Individuals engaged in similar pursuits, but disunited, cannot effectuate a tithe of the benefit, which they might be the means of producing by association. In a scheme, the object of which is the good of all, the most cer-

tain channel of success is through a well organized association. By this means, mind is brought into active contact with mind—opinions flow spontaneously, and their soundness or accuracy is measured at once—the various methods of procedure which have obtained in different countries, are adduced, commented upon, and the most feasible adopted; in short, a congregation of many minds is of incalculable service to the success of any scheme for the benefit of a community.

"We have the skeleton of an Agricultural Society. Its life went out long since—its compactness, if it ever had any, rapidly crumbled away—and its merely hangs together by rotten ligatures, which would snap before the touch of a finger.—Let it be buried, say we: and let us have, phoenix-like, from its ashes, a vigorous association—an association of men who will constitute an efficient society. Men are to be found throughout the Island who feel a deep interest in our rural advancement, and would, we are confident, take pride in a coalition, for accelerating that agricultural movement which is already in healthy existence.

"An Agricultural Society having for its officers men of activity and intelligence, is much wanted. But let this be understood, it would be better, far better, for us to have no association of the kind, than to have one into which supineness, and carelessness would be allowed to creep—to be effective, it should be perpetually active—the machinery unceasingly at work.

"The management of public concerns in this country, has too long been redolent of apathy and indifference; but these drawbacks are not so rifle as formerly; and if men will agree to take an interest in, and zealously apply their minds to, every matter of general concernment, the drawbacks, which we have alluded to, will soon disappear.

While on a late visit to the Grand Lake, we were much pleased to observe that many of the farmers in that part of the country had been paying considerable attention to the cultivation of