

HAMILTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In a former number of the *Cultivator* notice was taken of the agricultural survey that was instituted by the above society, which is probably the most efficient institution of the kind in the state of Ohio. That mode of collecting and disseminating agricultural facts for the people, was highly applauded by us, and would have been a source of much gratification if the agricultural societies in Canada had followed the patriotic example set them by the farmers of Ohio. It gives us still further pleasure to have it in our power to record the following proceedings of the above institution, in the hope that although no action has been taken in instituting an agricultural survey in Canada, steps may be taken to appoint *Honorary Professors* whose business it will be to deliver periodical lectures upon such branches of scientific agriculture as may be understood, and profitably carried into practice, by the Canadian farmers. We copy the extract from the *Daily Commercial* :—

"In looking over the list of officers for the coming year, we see the Society has appointed several Professors whose duty it is to deliver lectures before the members, upon subjects directly connected with their Professorships and Agriculture. 'There is much wisdom and true policy in such appointments, and we should be gratified to see every horticultural and agricultural society with its professors. This, connecting scientific men, by professional identity, with institutions of such nature and objects, has a tendency to secure their active co-operation in the minutia and detail of all that is calculated to advance their interests, as well as to call forth their talents in the illustration of those subjects appertaining to agriculture of a purely scientific character. It will be recollected, that the first regular course of lectures upon Agricultural Chemistry, was delivered by Sir Humphrey Davy, before the Bristol Board of Agriculture; from which beginning, in rapid succession, have sprung those numerous other treatises of similar character, which have so distinguished the present century as the fostering era of enlightened husbandry. In the vicinity of every Agricultural Society in the country there are gentlemen of scientific attainments, who would feel proud of receiving similar appoint-

ments, and whose pride of character would induce them to fulfil the devolving duties, from motives emanating from that lofty ambition which teaches the virtuous and the honorable, that among the holiest of human offices is that of doing good. It may be said, that these would be professorships without emolument—true, they would be so; for there are no associations in the country able to annex salaries to them—but they would not be without honor, and though pecuniary advantage would not directly ensue to the professors, yet it would do so indirectly, as it would bring their acquirements within the knowledge of hundreds, nay, thousands, who would not otherwise have known that they had being.'

"The second discourse will be delivered by John A. Warder, the professor of *Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology of the Domestic Animals*, to-morrow, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., at Mt. Pleasant, at which the public are invited to attend."

HAW-THORN FENCES.

We notice in the proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, that a Mr. McNab, has lately made a tour through Canada, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the indigenous plants, and other natural resources of the province. His remarks upon the native haw-thorn will no doubt be found interesting to the readers of the *Cultivator*, as they contain practical directions for the management of live fences,—a subject upon which but few Canadian farmers have had much experience. The prospects of this colony are evidently improving; and there is scarcely a doubt but that the condition of the Canadian farmers will very shortly bear a favorable comparison with that of any other country in the world; it is therefore, but reasonable to suppose that those whose means will admit of the outlay, will turn their attention to the improvement of their farm-buildings and fences, as well as the general routine of their farming operations. But few ornamental improvements upon the farm would show off to the same advantage as enclosing the fields with thorn hedges. The English haw-thorn, is