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### MONTHLY CALENDAR.

If you have not already settled your accounts, it is high time that you should prepare yourself for performing this duty,—“collect what is due you, and pay what you owe,”—and whilst doing the latter, by all means pay the printer every farthing that is due him. Examine carefully your farm: statistics, and weigh well the result of each experiment and operation; and if the balance-sheet should not give as large a return in profits as you had previously anticipated, the best course to pursue is to obtain during the winter season an increase of knowledge upon the various operations of farm management. Recollect the old motto, that “*knowledge is power.*” If one class more than another require to be well in-

formed upon the principles which influence and govern their profession, it is the cultivators of the soil. It is high time that the ridiculous notion should be exploded, that any man, no matter how mean his capacity, is qualified to be a successful cultivator. This idea may to a certain extent be correct, in the clearing up and the management of a new farm, but it will not apply to the cultivation of old lands. This fact has been proved to a demonstration, in the former history of Canadian agriculture. Causes and effects must be capable of being traced to their true bearings, in any branch of business, to secure the attention and respect of the thinking portion of the population—and this is especially true in agriculture. Now, if agriculturists respect themselves, and wish other classes to respect them, they will at once set about the matter of informing themselves upon the several influences that affect their noble and independent profession. This may best be done by obtaining a knowledge of the views and experience of the best instructed farmers of this and other agricultural countries. It is truly desirable to see every man who can boast of being a tiller of the soil, well instructed in the mysteries which are involved in

the various branches of husbandry. Information is acquired by reading, by conversation with intelligent men, and by closely observing the movements and operations of men and things. No farmer need urge in excuse for his ignorance upon matters that so deeply concern his own and his children's welfare, that he has no time to read and acquire information. Only two hours per diem, spent in the acquisition of knowledge, would enable a man of only ordinary talents, in the course of a few years, to converse freely and intelligently upon almost every topic that concerns himself and the welfare of the nation to which he belongs.—This is the proper season to set a good example in this particular, and we hope that each farmer will resolve in his own mind to aid in collecting and propagating useful information, and especially of that class that relate to the practice and science of agriculture. The way in which this can best be done, has been described on former occasions; but it may not be amiss to here observe, that Magazines like the *Cultivator*, and agricultural clubs and libraries, are the most efficient means that have yet been introduced, to improve the condition of agriculture.—No farmer should content himself with