

wear better and last longer, than fabrics which are designed to be good for sale only, and which come to you charged with duties, commissions and profits, besides the freight and transportation of many thousands of miles. The time has been, when your wives and children might have felt mortified to be seen in home-made clothing ; but the country is fast out-growing that silly pride, and fashion will no longer object against your manufacturing and wearing the produce of your own farms.

Orcharding, likewise, as an appendage of agriculture, comes within the scope of our Agricultural Society. The reputation of the Midland District, for apples and cider, is below that of some others. This is indeed a considerable market for fruit, not only from Genesee, but also from Niagara. Our brethren there may perhaps have some advantages of climate beyond ours ; but that is not the principal cause of their superiority. The difference is more in the local spirit which has prevailed in the two districts respectively. In that, a few of the first settlers set an example of early attention to fruit trees ; the fashion spread, and became general. In this, there was unfortunately an original want of ambition ; in consequence of which, fruit was too generally neglected in most of our townships. Some valuable exceptions, however, are sufficient to demonstrate that the fault is not in our soil or climate, but in ourselves. Motives of local pride as well as personal interest ought to induce every landholder here, to take some pains individually to raise the character of the district, and particularly of the township, in which his farm is situated, by the sowing of nurseries, the setting out of orchards, the melioration of fruit by engrafting and inoculation. On this and other branches of agriculture, it is fondly hoped that a spirit of emulation is now rising and spreading among you, and that improvement will soon be the order of the day.

Every friend to the prosperity of the country should promote so laudable a spirit, both by precept and example. Let competition be excited in every neighbourhood and township throughout the district, and in all the several departments of husbandry. Let it be a subject of compa-