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### TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

It was our intention to have prepared an article, embracing the leading features, for the better guidance of agricultural associations throughout the entire province, but our absence in the country, and other pressing business matters, have prevented the carrying out of our plan in time for the present number. The subject, however, is one of too much importance to pass over, without giving it due consideration, we shall therefore endeavour to avail ourselves of the first opportunity of giving it a place in the columns of our Journal.

The Autumn cattle shows and fairs all shortly take place, and it is to be hoped that our efforts will not be lost sight of by those who take the lead in managing the affairs of agricultural associations. If legally organized societies do not countenance the *British American Cultivator*,—we certainly are unable to conjecture from what source we have a right to look for a support.

In a report of a county society of the State of New York, mention is made of the society subscribing for 500 copies of the leading agricultural

Journals of the State, and a few others from other States and England.

The *Prairie Farmer*, published in Chicago, Illinois, is published under the patronage of an Agricultural Society, which guarantees the respectability of its matter, and punctual appearance.

The only way that the Canadians can profitably compete with their neighbours is to meet them on their own ground,—if they combine science and skill with the practice of farming, so must we, or else we shall be looked upon as being behind the age.

We hear of men growing rich by the profit of Agricultural publications,—we neither want riches nor honour,—we merely crave a support for our useful enterprise, which will meet the engagements which we have made with the public, and leave in our hands a sufficient surplus to remunerate us for the time which we have so ardently and devotedly spent in advancing the cause of agricultural improvement.

We have at least 2,000 files of the back numbers of the present volume,—if these were disposed of, we would then be encouraged to progress with renewed energy. Each society ought to order at least one hundred copies.

Some time ago we intimated our intention of removing the Printing Establishment of the *Cultivator* from the city, but having concluded very favourable arrangements for its future publication in Toronto, we do not intend to carry out our former purpose.

The *Cultivator* will, hereafter, be issued from the office of *The Banner*, No. 142 King-Street, Toronto, and we hope the work will proceed with more regularity, and be placed on a much better footing than heretofore.

### TO AGENTS.

We have been very desirous, at all times, to hold out liberal inducements to our Agents to exert themselves in our behalf, and have made several advances in the liberality of our terms. We have been devising the conditions on which we now issue our paper, and find that irregularity has crept into our management. This, we are determined, shall not occur again, and the *Cultivator* will be hereafter issued on the following terms, from which the slightest deviation will not be made.

One copy, One Dollar per annum.

Fifteen copies, Ten Dollars.

Fifty copies, Twenty-Five Dollars.

Cash invariably to be paid in advance, and remitted here free of postage.

As we are anxious that a copy of the *Cultivator* should be in the hands of every Postmaster in the Province, we will send a free copy to every Postmaster who forwards us the name of one or more subscribers to the work. The objects contemplated in the publication of the *Cultivator*, are of such deep importance in an extended agricultural country, and the class to whom we more particularly address ourselves, is so numerous, that the circulation of our paper ought to be very great. The price, too, is so remarkably low, (admitted the cheapest publication in British America,) that no one who has the smallest interest in the advancement of agricultural improvement through the country, can have a pretext for not subscribing.

We are quite aware, that by a rigid adherence to the Cash principle, we shall, at first, lose some of our subscribers, but in the end, we are sure we shall gain by it. We shall, at any rate, know precisely, at all times, how we stand.

The September No. will be issued by the 30th instant.