

Winter, the season for CONTEMPLATION, soon arrives, with its icy blasts and howling storms; but he who has acted well his part in the preceding seasons, will be prepared for this. Plenty has crowned his labors; his garner is full, and he may sit quietly and comfortably by his own fireside, undisturbed by wind or storm, and unscathed by the pinching hand of want. He reflects upon the past, anticipates the future, cultivates his intellect, and, with the eye of one who has done his duty,

"Looks through Nature up to Nature's God."

In contemplating the vicissitudes of the seasons, he can exclaim with the poet of Nature,

"These, as they change, Almighty Father, these  
Are but the varied God. The rolling year  
Is full of Thee."

—*New England Farmer.*

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## Editorial Notices, &c.

*The New Sugar Canes.* Hamilton, C.W.: Brown & Greig. 1859.

This pamphlet comprises an enquiry into the nature, uses and economic value of the Chinese and African sugar plants, with special reference to Western Canada, read before the HAMILTON ASSOCIATION, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1859, by Charles Robb, C.E. and published by request. It contains much interesting and suggestive information relative to the culture, growth and qualities of the cane, with the most approved method of extracting the syrup, sugar, &c. The Sorgho, we believe, may be advantageously cultivated in Canada as a forage plant,—all kinds of stock living and thriving upon it. Boiling it down into syrup may also be successful, but we very much doubt whether it can be made, so far north, a profitable source from which to obtain sugar, unless the price of cane-sugar should become much higher than it is at present. Persons interested in the subject will find much to enlighten them and to satisfy their curiosity in Mr. Robb's methodical and well written essay.

### NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

"*Canadian Agriculturist and Journal and Transactions of the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada*, for April, 1859.

This is one of the most valuable publications emanating from the Canadian press.—The farmer that is without this, or some other agricultural periodical of equal note, is not deserving the name. It is impossible to farm successfully without an intimate acquaintance with the agricultural literature of the day. The exceedingly low price at which it is sold, being only \$1 per annum for a single copy, and 50 cents only for a club of ten subscribers, makes it accessible to every farmer, who should not fail to subscribe for it immediately."—*Newburgh Index.*

"*The Canadian Agriculturist*, for April, 1859. \$1 a-year.

Since this magazine has been managed and published by the Board of Agriculture, it has slowly but surely improved, and the present No. is a very fair sample of a very cheap and useful periodical, that should be found in every farmer's house. What is a dollar a-year compared with the variety of useful knowledge contained in every number?"—*Kingston Whig.*

[We have to return our best thanks to the *Index*, the *Whig*, and numerous other exchanges, who have favored us with repeated friendly notices, similar to the above; and in doing so, we beg to observe that although the price of the *Agriculturist* to single subscribers is a dollar,—and it may fairly be considered to be cheap at that rate, looking at the amount of paper and reading matter,—yet, practically, the price is only half-a-dollar, or even less, as it is furnished to clubs or societies taking ten copies, at that rate, with a bonus of ten per cent, when fifty copies or upwards are taken. The object of the Board is to offer a large inducement to Societies to take the publication, and also to induce individuals to subscribe through the Societies; therefore, the price is placed much lower to the latter, than to persons taking only a single copy.]—ED.