

moting it, it will give an impetus to the cause, and stimulate the zeal and exertions of the husbandman himself. Experience has testified that the people of Saint John only require to be convinced of the utility of an undertaking to give it their patronage and support. Witness that Joint Stock Institution, whose labourers are ploughing the ocean for their own and the benefit of the city. Witness the comparative success of the Mechanics' Institute; and the flattering attendance this evening, of those who are willing to hear the merits of an appeal, worthy of an abler and more convincing advocate, to whose inability and imperfect efforts, rather than to the weakness of his cause, must be attributed the failure, if I fail to interest you in its favour. I may here remark, that a public school of agriculture has been established, and has been for some time in successful operation in Temple-Moyle, in the north of Ireland. It embraces not only the theoretical but the practical parts of agriculture; and after detailing the system adopted in this excellent establishment, the editors of "*The Labourer's Magazine*" observes, "We have long been strenuous advocates for the establishment of agricultural schools in all parts of Ireland, feeling assured that they would ultimately be the means of breaking down those absurd prejudices which have been hitherto the most insurmountable obstacles with which agriculture had to contend." Although we cannot at present contemplate an undertaking so great and perfectly patriotic and praiseworthy as the Templemoyle school, we may do something towards following at an humble distance—and I would suggest in furtherance of the object of instruction the establishment of a paper, exclusively agricultural, published monthly,

containing all the interesting agricultural matter of the Provinces, and enriched with scientific extracts, from the best agricultural publications in Europe and America.

The Agricultural Society should hold its meetings in rotation, in different sections of the country; and after the immediate business of the meeting is concluded, a lecture, or paper, written for the occasion, upon some agricultural subject, should be read by a member in turn. This would have a tendency to collect many within a reasonable distance together; and in this manner information would be diffused, though not in copious showers, *at all events*, (if I may be allowed the metaphor) in those irrigating dews, which would contribute to refresh and fertilize the land. The advantage of such a method of instruction is most satisfactorily illustrated by the attendance at the Hall of the Institute.

But, Gentlemen, as an agricultural society without sufficient funds may not inaptly be compared to troops upon the field without suitable ammunition, I hope if by and bye we make an appeal to your liberality for assistance, you will give our Treasurer a contribution—five shillings, or as much more as you please, from each family in our city, who could well spare it, would make up a sum which would enable the society to convince the Farmer that our zeal is not mere sound, and that our good will is more substantial than the fabled blessing, which consisted entirely of words, that were not worth a sixpence.

Let us this evening form a Joint Stock Company for the benefit of agriculture: the earth will afford a munificent return. Let us contribute our efforts to remove the scandal which has been so unjustly thrown upon our Province. Let us assist in rendering the agricultural