

be held at Portland, Maine, commencing on the 7th of September, next, and continuing four days. The arrangements for the Exhibition are to be made on the most extensive scale and the indications already promise one of the largest Exhibitions of the kind ever held in New England. Pamphlet copies of Premium List, containing instructions to competitors, &c., can be had on application to Col. Daniel Needham, Boston, Mass., or Samuel L. Boardman, Augusta, Me. All entries must be made with Sam. L. Boardman, Secretary of Maine State Agricultural Society, Augusta, Me. Parties intending to enter live stock, of any description, must make application at least two weeks before the opening of the Exhibition, that proper accommodations may be provided for them.

ST. LOUIS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION.—The fair of this Society, which is the most liberal and flourishing of any in the United States, will be held at St. Louis, Mo., on the six days commencing October 4, 1869. The prize list is a liberal one, there being over \$30,000 to be divided in prizes, of which the highest is \$700, the lowest in any class \$5. \$75 is offered for the best bull of any age in each class, and \$50 for the best cow; one of \$200 for the best bull, and \$100 for the second best on the ground, of any age or breed; \$150 for the best herd of one bull and five cows, \$50 for the best buck and ewe; \$700 for the best boar and sow of any age or breed with five pigs, and \$250 for the second best; \$150 for the best boar alone, \$150 for best sow, \$200 for best ten pigs under six months old, and \$100 for best fattened and largest hog.

AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The twelfth Session of this Society will be held at Philadelphia, on the 15th September next. It is expected to be the largest and most important meeting the Society has ever held. Reduced R. R. fares and hotel board are being arranged for by the Executive of the Society. Life membership \$10. Biennial membership, including the volume of Transactions \$2. Address Thos. P. James, Treasurer, Philadelphia.

The Caledon Agricultural Society have fixed upon the 13th and 14th of October for their fall show.

LARGE GROWTH OF ALSIKE CLOVER.

To the Editor of the ONTARIO FARMER.

SIR,—I have to-day sent you a sample of my Alsike Clover, which I think will be hard to beat. It measures six feet seven inches long. There was a large breadth of ground seeded to Alsike Clover in this section last year, but the summer was so very dry that it did not make much growth by fall; and a number of parties that had sowed it, thought it was doubtful whether it would stand the winter, but it came out first rate, and in every case will produce a very heavy crop of hay and seed. I would advise farmers that have raised it this season to let it ripen its seed and thrash it, for it will then make good hay, and they will get a number of bushels of seed to the acre, which—judging from last spring—they will find a ready sale for next spring, and at good prices.

H. M. THOMAS.

Brooklin, July 23.

[NOTE BY ED. O. F.]—We duly received the package above referred to, and can certify to the correctness of the statement as to the length of stalk of the specimen of Alsike Clover sent. We recommend our readers who are unacquainted with its merits to try this variety of clover. It yields heavily, all kinds of stock are fond of it, it makes the richest of bee pasturage, and does well in low, moist spots where red clover would fail.

EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.—Edited by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, London, and published by F. E. Grafton, Montreal. We have received the first number of this new monthly. Its object "is not profit, but to do good." This almost puts it outside the pale of ordinary criticism. It is refreshing in this selfish world to see people trying to do good on perfectly disinterested principles. Still we question the necessity or wisdom of such a publication, and doubt its success. The Religious Tract Society furnishes abundance equally good, if not better, reading ready to hand. The *Message* is to "steer clear of controversy." Then it will not be a live publication. The idea of contending for truth without assailing error is absurd. What makes people so afraid of controversy? Nobody is hurt by it. The Bible is full of it. Immense good has been done by it. Our *Message* friends blow their own trumpet famously. They ex-