

the grand idea of self-cultivation, and solemnly resolves upon it, he will find that idea, that resolution, burning like living fire within him, and ever putting him upon his own improvement. He will find it removing difficulties, searching out or making means, giving courage for despondency, and strength for weakness; and like the star in the east to the wise men of old, guiding him nearer and still nearer to the sun of all perfection. If we have but a fixed and resolute bent on self-improvement, we shall find means enough to it on every side, and every moment; and even obstacles and opposition will but make us like the fabled 'spectre ships which sail the fastest in the very teeth of the wind.'—*Self Culture, by Rev. Tyron Edwards.*

#### On our Prospects of Improved Agricultural Education.

Ere this, Mr. Buckland and his family are embarked on "the wide world of waters," under the guidance of Him whom "the winds and waves obey," and to whom they have in all humility, very properly commended themselves. With favoring gales and prosperous breezes, we may therefore confidently expect very soon to enjoy the pleasure of seeing them cast their lot amongst us, we trust, with profit and pleasure to all. From his high standard of character, Christian as well as Professional,—we are certain that Mr. Buckland is most eminently qualified to fill the chair of the Agricultural Professorship in King's College; and for these and many other weighty reasons and considerations, we make no doubt of his speedy election. Be the latter point as it may, he has decidedly made up his mind, after long, serious and deliberate consideration, to establish an Agricultural College and Experimental Farm in the vicinity of Toronto. We are delighted to mention that Mr. Buckland is the very individual we want and require amongst us, for he goes heart and hand into the subject, and is determined to become a thorough-going Canadian, in reality, as well as in name, though ever looking back to Britain with respect and veneration, as a *moral son would to a pious and beloved mother*. His plans and appliances having been the subjects of many days and nights' anxious thought and serious reflection, are well matured; and when he comes amongst us, he has merely to alter, or modify, or extend his views, if he finds them not quite suited to the character, disposition, or genius of the Canadian people, or to the position and state of progression of the

country—and this we believe will be easily accomplished. The whole subject, however, certainly embraces a great and arduous,—a mighty undertaking, and as it is one whose benefits are of the most extensive kind, and yet of the most exact and direct application TO THE WELFARE OF COMMUNITY, we feel pretty certain, under the highly patriotic Governor General, Lord Elgin (who himself, by his establishment of the Horticultural Society in Jamaica, and other measures for Agricultural Improvement there, shews that he is well aware of the great advantage of agricultural knowledge to the morals and happiness of a people, so well exemplified in "his own, his country, and his land,")—that such a scheme will not long be allowed to depend for support on one, or even a class of individuals, but that the fostering and patronage of a paternal Government, and liberal pecuniary assistance from an intelligent Legislature, will promptly be extended to it. This part of the subject, we shall more fully discuss in a future number,—meantime we throw these hints for the notice of our Legislators. We may be allowed, now, strenuously, to call the attention of our Agricultural Associations to this matter; for assuredly, no subject more important or proper to be taken up at early meetings, and all of them, does or can exist. We most thoroughly of opinion, gainsay it when we say that to these Associations, such an Institute combining, as it would do, practice and precept, would form the most potent and appropriate auxiliary, as in it every subject and suggestion of an interesting and not chimerical nature—but whose benefits and merits can not be sufficiently explained or instructed by discussion, however aptly may be the reasoning, or brilliant the language,—could be readily and efficiently investigated and tested by scientific analysis; and, and at the same time, be brought home to the student by elaborate, yet plain exposition. In short, for every practical purpose, this Institute would prove to these Associations their nucleus and rallying or centre point. On the many other grounds, of which we shall not merely particularise the benefits thence derivable to the general community, (for which very few of these Associations themselves profess to be qualified,) and to our young men in particular, we entertain a strong conviction, that our Agricultural Associations will see their own interest, and heartily and earnestly give an impetus to the