

cial and practical results of a general and combined effort to improve the agriculture of the country. These efforts may be arranged in the following order:—

1st. District Agricultural Societies, with Branches in the several Townships in each District, and connected in such a manner that the latter will be mutually interested in the success of the former. Probably the plan recommended by us on a former occasion would be found to work as well as any other that could be devised. 2nd. The establishment of either a Provincial Society or a General Agricultural Board, to be under the liberal patronage of Government, and to be represented equally by the Government and the District Societies. 3rd. The publishing a Journal of Agriculture, containing the proceedings of the Board, together with the information that the proceedings of the District and Township Societies may afford. 4th. The organization of Township or Neighbourhood Agricultural, Mechanical, and Scientific Libraries, in connection with Conversational Clubs, for the discussion of Agricultural, Mechanical, and Scientific subjects, and for mutually benefiting and promoting the interests of each other, by a general spread of useful and practical knowledge on all matters that appertain to the productive interests of the country. 5th. The Permanent establishment of a Provincial, of District, and of Township Exhibitions of Agricultural and Mechanical Products, for the purpose of giving encouragement to the skill and genius of the country. 6th. In connection with the Township Societies' Shows, the holding of Spring and Autumn Fairs, for the sale and exchange of every description of live stock, &c.; which Fairs should not only be held upon the day and at the place of the Shows, at fixed periods, but also to be under the management or supervision of the Township Societies respectively. 7th. The erection of, or providing suitable places in each Market Town for holding fixed Market Days in each week, for the sale of grain, meats, live stock, &c., the arrangements for which will probably require a special Act of Parliament before a general plan can be legally carried into effect, in other places than in corporate cities. 8th. The establishment of a Model Farm in each District, to be either a private, a joint stock, or a public enterprise, as the circumstances of the case may dictate, the supervision and management of which should be under

the control of a committee appointed by the District Society; and the results of the most interesting experiments made should be published in the Journal of Agriculture, for the general benefit of the country. 9th. The introduction of a proper set of Agricultural books into the common schools of the country, and also the adoption of some well-devised plan for the better preparing teachers, to perform their important and highly-responsible office.

Although every intelligent mind would be heartily rejoiced to see the above-mentioned Associations carried into immediate operation, and would also, no doubt, assist in communicating, to all classes in the country, such information as would conduce to the common good, still it must be remembered, that, in a new country like this, where the people's prejudices have to be combated with, it is extremely difficult to make rapid progress in accomplishing any object of a public nature, no matter how beneficial in its tendency it may be. One thing, however, is certain, that it only requires a beginning, and that beginning to be seconded by men of talent and influence in the country, to effect more than even the most sanguine ever anticipated. The first thing to be done is to get each farmer to consent to read a well-conducted Agricultural paper; the next is, to get him to enroll his name as member of an Agricultural Association; and the third important step is, to get him to assist in the establishment of an Agricultural Library and Club, and the several other movements or advantages will follow in due time.

The annual cost to each farmer in becoming a member of an Agricultural Society, in receiving an Agricultural Magazine, and in being a member of the Library and Club, would not exceed the small and trifling sum of ten shillings, yet, strange to say, that, with so small a sacrifice, scarcely one in a hundred of the Agricultural classes of the country can, as yet, be prevailed upon to engage heart and soul in the advancement of this great national movement.

If the people of Canada desire to see their country rise in the scale of respectability and wealth, they must, by every possible means, give encouragement to agricultural and mechanical genius. The way to do this most effectually has, in part, been pointed out, and we trust the friends of Canada, from Sandwich to Gaspé, will avail themselves of the leisure which this season of the

year will more or less afford, in aiding in the establishment of Township Branch Agricultural Societies, and in collecting subscriptions for Agricultural Libraries and Farmers' Clubs.

The long evenings should be spent in reading useful works on Agriculture and general science; and, if only two hours in each day be spent in this way, the amount of practical information that may be acquired is truly astonishing. Farmers sons are often taunted by the students of the learned professions, and, in fact, by the most common mechanics, for their ignorance, and for their incapacity to transact business: this stain upon their character can only be removed by a resolve, on their part, to acquire useful information, and to improve in every branch of their profession, until they have arrived at that high state of perfection that has been attained in older countries, where the profession of husbandry is considered the most honourable and independent in the realm.

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For the Cultivator.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF HALDIMAND.

Sir,—I have been induced to send you the following statement of the proceedings of a newly-established Agricultural Society in the county of Haldimand, as an encouragement to the farmers in other counties who have not, as yet, formed such an Association within themselves:—

It is now twelve months since the subject was first broached in our county, and it met with but little encouragement for some time, but, owing to the perseverance of a few individuals, we have succeeded in enlisting nearly eighty subscribers in the cause. We have in our treasurer's hands, including the liberal allowance of Government, the sum of £82 10s., which at our last meeting was appropriated in the following manner:—£8 has been already expended in premiums, to the two best stud horses shown in May last, which have served during the season in the county; £40 will be expended at a general cattle show in September next; £15 have been equally distributed to the different townships, for the purpose of encouraging ploughing matches throughout the country; and the further sum of £10 has been set apart for a grain and root show, in January next. As an encouragement to subscribers, we have come to the resolution of giving every member an entire copy of the *British American Cultivator* gratis; and by this