

periodicals devoted to the improvement and advancement of the farmer's toil. Some of these Journals are finding their way to our Colonial homes, and we are glad to see our local newspapers republishing from their columns some of the most valuable suggestions and information they convey.

We should be glad if some of our Provincial farmers would select this Magazine as a medium for the publication of the results of their own experience, with regard to the adaptation of the soil to the various branches of Agriculture. Articles on this subject would be of general benefit and interest to a large number of our people; and we have penned these remarks to shew our appreciation of the farmer's profession, and our conviction that his labour requires lightening, which result can best be attained by the diffusion of popular information, on the various departments of husbandry. But while we would contend for the support and better extension of Agricultural efforts, the Horticultural and Floricultural branches should by no means be neglected. While so many of the necessities of life are supplied by the tillage of the field, a large part of its luxuries result from the cultivation of the garden, and there cannot be a more pleasant occupation in the whole department of manual labour than this. Such a variety of branches are included under the denomination of Horticultural, that it would be difficult to enumerate them in the compass of a brief article. A pleasant task truly it is, to watch the springing of the blades of corn until they result in the golden ear,—to train the graceful tendrils of the pulse family until the drooping fruit clusters among the still forming blossoms,—to watch the development of the stately lettuce or the wayward cucumber,—to bring to perfection the tender cauliflower and the luscious melon,—or watch the growth of the numerous tribe which send up green leaves as earnest of the increasing root. Pleasant and even more interesting is the branch of culture that embraces the denizens of the orchard, and the minor race of the currant and gooseberry. Budding and grafting and pruning are agreeable duties to the experienced in such matters, and much of the fulness of the harvest depends upon the proper attention to these departments in the right season.

Here information is even of more value than in any other direction, and we would recommend to the owners of orchards as well as to those practising the other branches of horticulture, a newspaper published in London, and entitled 'The Gardener's Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette.' It apparently supplies information on every point connected with the profession of gardening and husbandry, and must prove a valuable auxiliary in prosecuting these branches. We mention this publication, because it is a weekly issue, and consequently contains all that is novel in improvement and discovery; but to those who wish to go more fully into the subject, among the variety of works published on the merits and science of husbandry, we would call attention to a late work by Charles McIntosh, published by Blackwood and Sons, under the title of the