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END OF VOLUME—NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The present number completes the *Eighth* Volume of the *Agriculturist*. Although we confess to some shortcomings during the year, we think our subscribers will generally admit, that they have received value for their money. The Publishers promised some things at the beginning of the volume, which it was not found practicable to carry out in a desirable manner, and therefore they were not attempted. Among these was the promise to give wood-cut portraits of our most distinguished Agriculturists. It was soon found that, besides the difficulty of obtaining likenesses from which to copy, the selection would involve invidious distinctions, and probably provoke disagreeable comments. It was therefore determined not to make the attempt. It was also intended to illustrate other subjects more fully; but though Toronto is a large and enterprising city, it does not yet support a first-class wood-engraver. We were thus compelled to limit our illustrations to fewer subjects, which may have disappointed a certain class of readers. But, on looking over the volume, we notice upwards of twenty-five engravings, chiefly of new, or improved implements and machines.

As to the reading matter, letter-press, paper, &c., we believe we can safely aver, that the present volume is an improvement upon its predecessors. The last (11th) number was unfortunately sent to an office to be printed where they either do not know how, or do not care to execute their work properly, and a large part of the edition was very indistinct. The defect was not discovered in time to remedy it. Another evil, which we have found it impossible wholly to overcome, is the issue of the *Agriculturist* at irregular periods. We shall endeavour, next year, to put it to press early enough to secure its being mailed by the 1st of each month, even should it sometimes be a few days in advance.

We hope also that we shall be able to make an arrangement with the Board of Agriculture, by which their entire *Transactions* will appear in the *Agriculturist*, without unduly occupying the space now devoted to editorial remarks, correspondence, miscellaneous matter, &c. If the object of the Board be, to disseminate useful information among the *farmers* of the country, we are ready to aid them; but if it be only to make a costly book, with which to lumber up newspaper offices, the libraries of members of Parliament, and the dusty shelves of County officials, we must be content to pursue our own plans. The advantage we seek by the arrangement, is simply to be able to present our readers with the proceedings of the Board as so much *additional matter*, without enhancing the price of the *Agriculturist*, or lessening its usefulness and interest to the general reader. The advantage to the Board will be, that their matter will go into the hands of the agricultural public, and at a much less cost than by any other plan.

The next number (being the first of the Ninth Volume) will be issued on the first of January, 1857. A few copies will be sent, as usual, to the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, merely as a specimen. Orders must be sent *expressly*, if the work is to be continued. The price will remain as at present, viz.—*Two* copies to one address for *One Dollar*. To Societies, Clubs, &c., 2s. 6d. each, *for any number*. Payment *always in advance*, except in the case of Societies, to whom short credit will be given, if required.