

class in whose cause we labour. The price has unfortunately been fixed so low that a very large circulation is required to pay expenses. We believe every half-dollar Agricultural paper in the United States but one, has been given up. It was the issue of a number of these and their introduction into Canada, that induced us to lower the *Agriculturist* to the same price. The question now is, whether we ought not to raise the price or abandon the work? As it circulates chiefly among Societies, and as they want all the funds at their command for exhibition purposes, we fear an increase of price to *them* would prevent them taking the paper.

We shall therefore make an effort for another year, at the present rate, trusting to an increased circulation.

All subscribers for 1857 who *continue the work*, will receive the remaining sheets of "Transactions," thereby obtaining a complete volume of that publication. If the Board furnish us their next volume on the same terms as the present, we will send that also to subscribers.

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Societies in arrears, will greatly oblige us by an immediate remittance. And those ordering for 1858, should remember that our terms are *payment in advance*. It causes us much embarrassment as well as loss, to wait till the end of the year. Printers and paper-makers cannot, and *will not* wait so long. Still where Societies have not the funds in hand, we must wait as heretofore.

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS—THEIR IMPORTANCE.

The following remarks on Agricultural Statistics, is from the *Mark Lane Express*, the highest authority on all such topics in Great Britain. The figures and comments upon them, relating to the United States and Canada, will be found worthy of perusal by the intelligent agriculturists of this country. We trust when the next Census is taken in Canada, efforts will be made to secure more reliable statistics in regard to the agricultural productions of the country, than on the last occasion:—

Looking at the large extent of our trade with the United States, and the extensive supplies of agricultural produce we draw from thence, accurate statistics are greatly required, and would be very acceptable. The American government professes to do much in the way of returns, and the commercial journals of the States issue elaborate, but very conflicting estimates from time to time, of the prospects of the crops, the results of the harvest, the shipments, average prices, &c. In nearly all the departments of human effort connected with commerce and agriculture, with which the prosperity of the Republic is most immediately identified, there is felt to be a lamentable want of trustworthy information.

One of the latest Philadelphia papers received, touching upon this subject, says:— "The great crops of the present year are nearly harvested over a large portion of the country, and are rapidly maturing in the other part of it. Yet at this time we have not even the meagre returns which are issued from the Patent-Office of the results for last