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PROFESSOR BUCKLAND'S AGRICULTURAL TOURS.

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The Board of Agriculture having expressed to me their opinion of the desirableness of my visiting the country, and giving lectures to Societies, with a view of improving those organisations and of diffusing, as widely as possible, scientific and practical agricultural knowledge, it is my intention for the future to devote what time I can spare to this object, and I propose giving in the *Agriculturist*, from time to time, a brief sketch of the more interesting and suggestive matters that may come under my observation. Hitherto my personal attendance has been so constantly required on the grounds, that I have found it quite impractical to visit the more distant parts of the country.

In October last, immediately after the Provincial Exhibition, I attended by appointment the Shows of the Agricultural Societies of the Counties of Kent, Essex, and Lambton, and subsequently reported to the Board thereon. A few words in reference to this journey may not be unacceptable to many readers of this Journal.

The annual Exhibition of the Kent Society was held in Chatham, October 20th. The day was delightfully fine for the season, and there was a larger display both of materials and visitors than usual. The Society has a most convenient piece of ground close to the town, granted some years since by the Government. The show of grains, dairy products, fruit, and ladies' work, was highly creditable, as was also the Live Stock, in each department of which there were several excellent specimens. The dinner took place in the evening, in the Town Hall; about 150 persons attended, and the whole proceedings went off in the best spirit. I had a good opportunity of speaking on matters pertaining to Agricultural Education, and the improvement of Agricultural Societies. The advancement of Chatham and the surrounding country since I was there before, seven or eight years ago, has been very great.

The Exhibition of the County of Essex Society was held in Sandwich, and the weather proved most unfavorable. Notwithstanding, there was not a bad collection