

## Poetry.

## LIFE'S HARVEST.

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Ho, reaper of Life's Harvest,  
 Why stand with rusted blade,  
 Untid the night draws round thee,  
 And day begins to fade?  
 Why stand ye idle, waiting  
 For reaps more to come?—  
 The golden morn is passing,—  
 Why sit ye idle, dumb?  
 Thrust in your sharpen'd sickle,  
 And gather in the grain;  
 The night is fast approaching,  
 And soon will come again,

Thy Master calls for reapers,  
 And shall he call in vain?—  
 Shall sheaves lie there ungathered,  
 And waste upon the plain?  
 Come down from hill and mountain.  
 In mornings ruddy glow,  
 Nor wait until the dial  
 Points to the noon below.  
 And come with strong-sweat,  
 Nor faint in heat nor cold;  
 And pause not till the evening  
 Draws round its wealth of gold.

And mount the crumbling watch-towers.  
 And herald on the truth;  
 Preach out the golden precepts,  
 To wild and wayward youth,  
 Mount up the heights of Wisdom,  
 And crush each error low;  
 Keep back no words of knowledge  
 That human hearts should know.  
 Be faithful to thy mission,  
 In the service of thy Lord;  
 And men a golden chaplet  
 Shall be thy just reward.

## EDITOR'S NOTICES.

## POSTMASTERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

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## THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITIONS OF UPPER AND LOWER CANADA.

We request our readers to notice that a Grand Provincial Exhibition will be held at Montreal, on the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, of September next, under the auspices of the *Agricultural Association of Lower Canada*. From the efforts and arrangements that are being made, and the highly advantageous situation of Montreal for such a purpose, there can be no doubt of the success of the undertaking.

The Annual Exhibition of the *Agricultural Association of Upper Canada*, will take place this year, in the City of Hamilton, the week following the Montreal Show, viz:—October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.—An efficient Local Committee has been for some time in active operation; tenders for fencing, buildings, &c. have been taken,

and from the situation of Hamilton, which is so easily accessible from all parts of the Province, and the general interest hitherto manifested in this annual gathering, the forthcoming display of the industrial products of Upper Canada, it may be safely assumed, will not be inferior to previous occasions.

It should be distinctly understood that according to the provision of the present Agricultural Statute, *both Exhibitions will be open to competition, from all parts of United Canada.*

Premium lists, containing rules, regulations &c., for either Exhibition can be had by applying to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture of U. C. in Toronto.

## VENTILATING RAILWAY CAR.

We clip the following from the *Daily Rochester Union* of July 19th, and are glad to see that the inventions of our enterprising countryman, Mr. Ruttan, is beginning to be understood and appreciated in the States as well as on this side of the lines. Mr. Ruttan has received from men of the highest standing and attainments residing in different parts of the Union, highly complimentary testimonials of the value and efficiency of his mode of ventilating and warming buildings, wherever it has been properly adopted. The application of the system to railway carriages, especially in a climate like that of North America, is of the greatest importance, and cannot fail to promote, in a high degree, the comfort and health of the travelling community:—

“We had the pleasure, a few days since, of riding from Rochester to Syracuse in a car in which was used the patent ventilator. And it was, indeed, a pleasure thus to ride, after having been exposed to the intolerable heat and dust in an ordinary car. The ventilator enabled us to keep the car entirely closed, and thus prevented the ingress of dust, cinders, sparks and smoke, while, at the same time, there was a perfect circulation of pure, cool air, rendering every one comfortable. The only wonder is that any of the other kinds of cars are in use. This ventilator has been tried since last winter, and has been found to work admirably. In cold weather it regulates the heat, keeping an even temperature in every part of the car.

“Travelling by railroad, in summer time, is almost intolerable, on account of the dust which fills the car. We think, therefore, that the management owe it to the public to adopt every well tested improvement, which do away with or lessen the evil. The ventilator in question, we are convinced will most effectually, and it ought to be introduced into general use.—*Buffalo Daily Courier.*

“We believe the car above alluded to is ventilated on the plan of Mr. Ruttan, of Cobourg,