

The subject of this discourse has been suggested to me, as you may already have surmised, by the agricultural exhibitions which at this season are generally held throughout the Province, and which may be looked upon as festivals which both indicate and celebrate the prosperity of the country, and also encourage those who are engaged in, or connected with agricultural pursuits, to exercise their utmost care and industry, and to apply all the resources of skill and science to the improvement and perfection of the various productions of the land.

In these respects such institutions as Agricultural Societies are laudable and deserving of countenance and support. But while the cultivator of the soil thus learns how much may be effected in his great department of national prosperity by industry and science, let him not be forgetful of the great Author of all prosperity. In admiration of nature's productions let him not lose sight of Him who has given to nature all that fertility and capability of increase upon which man reckons, and which is found to respond so surely to the application of man's care and knowledge. While in the fluctuations of the season, and in the atmospheric influences which materially affect his returns, he sees causes at work over which he has no control, let him be sensible of his dependence upon a Higher Power, and pursue his avocations with prayerful hope, receiving unfavourable dispensations with submission, gathering in his fruits with thankfulness, recognizing in the produce of his fields that witness which God has left us of himself, and acknowledging that it is He who doeth us good, and gives us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

In conclusion, I may take this occasion to say that it afforded me much gratification to see that the great duty of thankfulness to Almighty God for these testimonies of His goodness was not overlooked at the recent Agricultural assemblage in this township, and that, while the sense of the