

of an extensive correspondence to enrich the columns of an agricultural journal :

"In closing our first Volume, we take the opportunity of heartily thanking those who have contributed to its pages. It is on its practical Correspondents that an Agricultural Periodical must depend for its real value. Its Editor may certainly speak authoritatively when he treats of the *principles* of the art ; but when he descends to any department of its *practice*, he can only state his personal experience, and the circumstances under which it was acquired, and then he only occupies the situation of one of his own correspondents. We say again—it is on the number and qualifications of *these* that the value of an Agricultural Journal must depend. That periodical is necessarily the most useful whose pages are filled with communications of the experience of its readers in all the various circumstances of soil, climate, &c., to be met with in the district where it circulates. We can say, without boast, that we have readers on all the varying soils, and in all the different climates to be met with in the three kingdoms ; and if we could induce a greater number of them to state the agricultural experience of their respective neighbourhoods, the usefulness of the *Agricultural Gazette* would be much increased. For, as we said at the beginning of the year—then only shall we consider ourselves to have made much progress in the course of usefulness on which we have endeavoured to enter when our readers shall have been brought to consider themselves as the members of one large Farmers' Club for mutual instruction, ourselves occupying the place of the mouth and the ear through which they may communicate with each other. We must continue to solicit our readers themselves to enter upon the great task of mutual instruction. Our columns are always open to *details of facts bearing upon Agricultural practice.*"

We lament that we cannot boast of having such an array of contributors as the *Gazette* has been favored with during its first year's existence, but we hope the day is not far distant when the people of this province will possess more expanded views of what belong to their individual and national welfare, and unite in promoting every enterprise that is calculated to increase the wealth and comforts of the community ; and especially that of communicating to their fellow-men, the results of their experiments in agriculture and its sister arts, through such mediums as the *Cultivator*.

The *Albany Cultivator* stands probably

at the head of the list of American agricultural periodicals in point of intrinsic merit or usefulness, and its superiority over other similar journals consists in the extent of its original correspondence, the authors of which are principally practical farmers, and of course the matter contained in their communications savour of such things as they best understand. The ostensible editor of this valuable journal knows but little of agriculture practically, but owing to its liberal patronage, has managed to compile a journal which would bear comparison with any similar journal published in the English language. To give our readers some idea of the circulation of this valuable magazine, we would state, that in the month of January last, no less than 8000 subscribers were received, being an increase of 2,500 over the number in the same month for last year.—With a circulation of probably 20,000 subscribers, and a list of upwards of *two hundred valuable contributors*, the *Albany Cultivator* may well take the lead of its fellow cotemporaries. Although we can not boast of tens of thousands of subscribers, nor hundreds of contributors or help-mates to assist in consummating an agricultural reform worthy of so noble an agricultural country as Canada, still we have confidence in looking forward to the period that we shall have both supporters and contributors in abundance to enable us to improve the character of this journal, so that, when its price is considered, it will bear a comparison in point of value, with that of any magazine published on this continent. We cannot, however, work to any satisfaction without means, and we trust that in future there will be no occasion of complaint, either on the score of want of support or practical correspondents.