

admonitions of a dear mother, and the affectionate regards of a sweet sister, will be aids of protection in times of temptation and danger.

Your Board are very sensibly impressed by the fact that many of our sons are leaving the honored profession of Agriculture to seek employment elsewhere, under the impression that aught but toil and obscurity attend the farmer's life. Now we fear that the cause of this may be attributed to a want of talent and skill in our farm operations—too much drudgery and not enough intellectual excitement—unsightly buildings instead of neat and comfortable ones having an air of beauty around them—half starved cattle, and half starved horses, instead of sleek and beautiful animals, well tilled and productive fields—old fences and broken down gates, with the pigs on the potatoes, the horses in the meadow, and the cows in the wheatfield, with the oft repeated cry of “run, boys, run!”—is it a wonder that they do run away from such scenes, to seek a place where order and harmony reign?

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

HARLOTTVILLE.—Amount of subscriptions, \$42; balance from previous year, \$400; public grant, \$29; received from Woolly Society in aid of joint exhibition, \$85; fines, \$16.34; total receipts, \$573.00. Paid in premiums, \$290.75; expenses, \$3.40; balance due in Treasurer's hands, \$278.85.

TOWNSEND.—One hundred members; amount of subscriptions received, \$65; balance from previous year, \$20.44; public grant, \$50; total received, \$135.44. Paid in premiums, \$121.25; expenses, &c., \$35.95; balance due Treasurer, \$21.26.

WILKINGHAM.—Forty-one members; subscriptions, \$43; share of public grant, \$22; received, \$65. Paid in premiums, \$75; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$21.66.

Extracts from Report.

The directors take great pleasure in reporting the healthy progress of agriculture in this township. They have come to the conclusion that for societies to hold stock is a bad plan, and is not found to be remunerative, and a very short time it costs the price of animals to keep them, and gives much satisfaction to invest all the means for sowing and plowing matches, thus by giving prizes in luring persons to produce good and improvements.

We also think our present system of giving premiums to small lots of grain and vegetables is not so encouraging to agriculture as would be the case if prizes were awarded to the weight or measure of a certain area of land i.e., have the growing crops inspected. As a bushel of vegetables may take a prize, while the lot they were selected from would be very poor, and so with grains. Under this system farmers are not induced to compete for prizes when they plant or sow, which is far the most important time, but under a better system they would be induced to get the best seed and prepare the land properly.

The prevailing character of the soil in this Township is clay. The average of wheat per acre this year is low, being damaged by frost and weevil. Cleared lands are valued at about \$30 per acre.

There has been a great increase in the production of roots, the result of which supplies our markets much more plentifully with fresh butter during the winter.

WINDHAM.—Forty-five members; subscriptions, \$45; balance from 1858, \$17; grant, \$22.50; total, \$84.50. Paid in premiums, \$80; incidental expenses, \$4.50.

WOODHOUSE.—Eighty-one members; amount of subscriptions received, \$63; balance from previous year, \$230.18; public grant, \$31.50; total received, \$324.68. Paid in premiums, \$215; expenses, \$16.20; balance in hand, \$103.48.

EAST NORTHUMBELAND.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Eighty six members; subscriptions, \$86; balance from previous year, \$73.68; deposited by Township Branches, \$247; government grant, \$479.98; received from sale of sheep, \$136.25; sundries \$8.84; total received, \$1036.75. Paid for copies of *Agriculturist* \$10.50; paid Township Branches, \$535.52; Paid for purchase of sheep and pigs of improved breeds, \$225; paid in premiums, 226.02; expenses, \$5.87; balance in hand, \$284.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

BRIGHTON.—Fifty-five members; subscriptions, \$57; balance on hand from previous year, \$148.84; public grant, \$62.38; received for seeds sold, \$128.30; total receipts, \$396.52. Paid for seeds, \$128.30; paid in premiums, \$106.15; expenses, \$25.25; balance in treasurer's hands, \$136.82.

CRAMAHE.—Forty-four members; subscriptions, \$46; balance from previous year,