

For the Farmer's Advocate.

A Move in the Right Direction.

SIR:—I noticed with pleasure in your report of the Provincial Agricultural meeting held in Toronto on the 12th Nov. last, that Mr. Beadle of the St. Catharines Nurseries very ably advocated the admittance to the Board of Directors of a member of the Horticultural Society. Though he was defeated in the object he attempted, he made a move in the right direction, and some day owing perhaps to the very remarks uttered by Mr. Beadle, not one, but several members of the Horticultural Society may exert an influence in the Councils of the Agricultural Board. It is most necessary that the right stamp of men are appointed to manage the affairs of the Society, and keep it up to what it was originally intended to be, a source of benefit to the Agricultural portion of our community. In one of our Provincial towns I see it is the intention, or rather is proposed to hold an Exhibition and in connection with it to "test the speed of horses," or in other words I suppose to have a horse race. Following upon the heels of horse racing we should ere long have other attractions of like nature, perhaps one similar to what I saw once introduced in New York State, namely, a famous Spanish Bull brought into the ring to run against the horses present. His Bullship however was disposed to do anything and everything but run, the end in view however had been attained, the people were gathered in numbers and their quarter dollars filled up the treasury.

A. P

To the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate.

PROTEST.

SIR:—I am requested to forward to you a copy of the following resolution passed at the annual meeting of the united Townships of Salefleet and Binbrook Agricultural Society.

Moved by Mr. J. I. Nottle, seconded by Mr. J. Davis, and

RESOLVED, That the Agricultural Society of the Townships of Salefleet and Binbrook, in the County of Wentworth, do earnestly protest against the resolution passed by the delegates at the agricultural meeting held in Toronto on the 12th Nov. last, intending to limit or destroy the rights of Township Societies in the Government grants. And that this Society authorize and direct the President, to forward a petition to Parliament setting forth the grievances, complained of, signed by him on behalf of this Society, and that such petition embody a copy of this resolution.

And I would also say that a very strong and unanimous feeling was manifested against the proposed Agricultural Bill of the Toronto

Convention of the 12th Nov. I hope other Township Societies will speak out against the "starving principle," and the ultimate absorption of Township Societies by the County Societies.

I am trying to get up a club for the "Advocate," as I consider it an excellent farmers paper, and will not do without it.

J. D.

Mount Albion, Jan. 13th, 1868.

[This paper is for the free discussion on any agricultural subject of importance. The plans should be made known in time to allow a free expression. We have advocated the Township right, and are ready and willing to publish anything that may be of general advantage.]

To the editor of the Farmer's Advocate.

Meeting of Ontario Fruit Growers Association.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Hamilton on the 15th of January, and was well attended by leading fruit-growers. The President Mr. Mills, was called to the Chair. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Reports on the fruit crop of 1867 were read before the meeting by Messrs. Smith, Morse, Beadle and Arnold, embracing strawberries, blackberries, plums, peaches, grapes, pears, gooseberries, and apples.

These Reports, together with the address of the President, contained much useful information, and it was resolved they should be published for the general benefit of the public.

The election of Officers for the year 1868 resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Mills, Hamilton; 1st Vice President, Mr. Morse, Smithville; 2d Vice President, Prof. Buckland, Toronto; Secretary and Treasurer, D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines.

Committee to report on Fruits for the year 1868: Messrs. Geo. Leslie, Jr. Toronto; Smith Grimsby; C. Arnold, Paris; Jno. Bruce Hamilton, and W. T. Goldsmith, St. Catharines.

It was resolved to hold the summer meeting in Toronto, during July, and the fall meeting in St. Catharines during November.

I would call the attention of all those interested in Pomology to this Association, the objects of which are of great importance to fruit growers. Three meetings are held in each year for the exhibition, comparison and discussion of fruits, mode of culture, diseases &c. All who can, should aid it by becoming members and attending the meetings. The subscription is only \$1 per annum, which may be sent to the Secretary, who will furnish copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society, and report of fruits recommended for the climate of Ontario.

Yours truly,

GEO. LESLIE, JR.

The Apiary.

For the Farmer's Advocate.

"BEE-KEEPING."

MR. EDITOR.—Under the above heading there appears an article from the pen of J. M. Who is J. M.? Is he so well known to Aparians that he need only give his initials, that all may know him? Or is he so well acquainted with his own ignorance of bee culture, that he withholds his full name? Were it not that it may fall into the hands of some who are in a measure ignorant of the science of bee culture, and lead them to conclude that there neither has been, nor can be any improvement in bee-keeping, I would not consider it worthy a moments attention. But now I will not let it pass without a reply.

J. M. is laboring under a great mistake in supposing there is less honey now than there was a few years ago. The very reverse of this is the case. True, a few years ago it was much cheaper than it is now, for this reason. There was no regular demand for it, no established markets where large quantities could be disposed of at paying prices. Hence, whatever amount was obtained, had to be used at home, or left on sale at the most convenient grocery stores, at whatever prices the purchasers feel disposed to give. Not only so but most of the honey a few years ago was obtained after the manner described and now recommended by J. M. The bee-keeper destroyed his bees by consigning them to a pit of fire and brimstone. (It is to be hoped that all such bee-keepers may escape a like destruction.) Nearly all such honey was dark and dirty, being taken from the body of the hive, and retained for a long time the fumes of the burning pit. Much of it required straining before it could be used. Honey was not looked upon then as the luxury it is now, when by the improvements in bee-keeping pure virgin honey is obtained, almost as white as the drifting snow, and which makes one's mouth water for a taste. The consequence is, the demand has increased—the price of good honey has raised. Large honey markets are established, and it finds its way thither. If J. M. were to visit Chicago New York, or Boston, he would find that honey is brought to market, not in quantities of a few pounds weight only, but by tons. A letter lies before me, received to-day, in which the writer, who keeps bees upon the improved system, states, that his bees have yielded him four thou-