

by changing passion into sulkiness. A cheerful good-tempered tone of your own, a sympathy with his trouble arising from no ill conduct on his part, are the best antidotes; but it would be better still to prevent beforehand, as much as possible, all sources of annoyance. Never fear spoiling children by making them too happy. Happiness is the atmosphere wherein all good affections grow, the wholesome warmth necessary to make the heart blood circulate healthily and freely; unhappiness the chilling pressure which produces here an inflammation, there an excrescence, and, worst of all, "the mind's green and yellow sickness—ill temper."—*Education of the feelings, by Charles Bray.*

EFFECTS OF HABIT ON THE INFANT MIND.—I trust every thing to habit—habit, upon which, in all ages, the lawgiver, as well as the school-master, has mainly placed his reliance; habit, which makes every thing easy, and casts all difficulties upon the deviation from the wonted course. Make sobriety a habit, and intemperance will be hateful and hard;—make prudence a habit, and reckless profligacy will be as contrary to the nature of the child grown an adult, as the most atrocious crimes are to any of your lordships.—Give a child the habit of sacredly regarding the truth, of carefully respecting the property of others, of scrupulously abstaining from all acts of improvidence which can involve him in distress, and he will just as likely think of rushing into an element in which he cannot breathe, as of lying, or cheating, or stealing.—*Lord Brougham.*

NOBLE SENTIMENT.—I envy no quality of mind or intellect in others—not genius, power, wit or fancy; but if I could choose what would be most delightful, and I believe most useful to me, I should prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing, for it makes life a discipline of goodness, creates new hopes when all earthly hopes vanish, and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence, the most gorgeous of all lights; awakens life even in death, and from corruption and decay calls up beauty and divinity; makes an instrument of torture and of shame, the ladder of ascent to paradise; and far above all combinations of earthly hopes, calls up the most delightful visions, palms, and amarantus, the gardens of the blessed; the security of everlasting joys, where the sensualist as a sceptic view only gloom, decay, and annihilation.—*Sir Humphrey Davy.*

THE AFFECTIONS.—There is a famous passage in the writings of Rousseau, that great delineator of the human heart, which is as true to human nature as it is beautiful in expression: "Were I in a desert I would find out, where within it to call forth my affections.—If I could do no better, I would fasten them on some sweet myrtle, or on some melancholy cypress to connect myself to; I would court them for their shade, would write my name upon and declare that they were the sweetest trees through all the desert. If their leaves withered, I would teach myself to mourn, and when they rejoiced I would rejoice along with them." Such is the absolute necessity which exists in the human heart of having something to love. Unless the affections have an object, life itself becomes joyless and insipid. The affections have this peculiarity, that they are not so much the means of happiness as their exercise is happiness itself. And not only so, if they have no object, the happiness derived from our other powers is cut off. Action and enterprise flag, if their be no object dear to the heart, to which those actions can be directed.

Editor's Notices, &c.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the Address, which will be found in another page, of the Committee of the Johnstown District Agricultural Society. We trust, for the credit of the country, that its earnest and hopeful spirit, will be generously responded to by all classes of our Canadian community.—The prospect of the next Exhibition, to be held at Brockville, is so far quite cheering. The town and county will raise £500 towards the funds of the Show, and we are happy to learn that a zealous spirit to excel, is actuating the principal inhabitants of the locality. In addition to donations previously announced in the *Agriculturist*, we have now to mention one of £10, from the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew Agricultural Society, and £12 10 from the Gore District Society. Active preparations are about being made, particulars of which, together with the Prizo List, we may probably give in our next publication.

The Prizo offered by the Johnstown Society for the best Essay on Agriculture, evinces a discriminating liberality; and we think the Committee have acted wisely, in confining the competition to persons *exclusively* engaged in practical agriculture. Farmers of Canada, try your pens in expounding the true principles of the noble science, which you have acquired by experience; upon the advancement of which mainly depend, the prosperity and happiness of your country.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL.

Mr. Sheriff Treadwell informs us that a Depot for Agricultural seeds, implements, &c., has been commenced at 1st Original, for the benefit of the farmers in these Counties. The enterprise is of a private or individual character, but it will receive, as it deserves to do, the patronage of the Agricultural Society; with which the idea originated. Similar arrangements might easily be made in different sections of the country, to the great convenience and advantage of farmers, and to the furtherance of their necessary and important art. We shall be glad to hear of the example being generally followed.

CANADA; PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. BY W H SMITH. TORONTO: THOS. MACLEAR.

The third part of this useful work is before us. It comprises a minute description of Wentworth and Halton, commences the County of York, and contains a neatly executed map of Middlesex, Oxford and Norfolk. The Directory appended to each County will be found peculiarly useful to the man of business; while the general reader will find much to interest and amuse in other portions of this instructive publication; which cannot fail to become a standard work, in reference to all the important characteristics of Upper Canada. We are glad to hear that it has already obtained, as it justly deserves, an extensive circulation.

PLOUGHING MATCH.—We understand that a match for £100 (£50 a side) between the townships of Vaughan and Markham, is to come off at Mr. George Miller's farm, 9th Concession of Markham, on Friday, April 25th. A keen competition is expected.—*Patriot.*