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MEETING AT ABERFOYLE/

(Concluded from yesterday.) Arguments in favour of the position I take might also be drawn from the slowness with which we adopt changes in eur social and domestic habits and customs, and with which we admit of changes in our forms of religious worship, but I be-lieve I have said enough to sustain me in the assertion that the farming com-In the assertion that the tarming com-munity are, throughout the world, cha-racterized by a tendency to resist changes, and that this tendency is, in a very great measure, to be accounted for by the peculiar nature of their calling, which is unfavourable to their congregating together for the interchange of ideas and for mutual improvement. It behoves us, as men interested in the advancement of one common

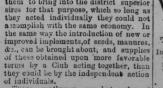
calling, to aid by every means in our power the introduction of any institution or organization that will send to counteract the injurious influence of this comparative isolation, to which the pursuit of agriculture subjects those who

comparative isolation, to which the pursuit of agriculture subjects those who follow it. Many schemes have been de-vised to counteract this unprogressive element, and none have proved so suc-cossful as the organization of Glubs in which farmers meet periodically for the discussion of agricultural topics. These institutions afford opportunities for that interchange of iless—that whetting of mind upon mind—so essential to ad-vancement. Friendly discussion is the erneible in which fact is separated from fiction, and in no pursuit is that friendly discussion more essential than in farm-ing. How often do we find farmers en-tertaining opinions, and pursting a practice, which they believe to be correct, but which if subjected to the test of di-passionate and friendly discussion, and to that of other men's experience, would prove fallacions? For such discussions Farmers' Clubs are the most common-sense organizations yet introduced, but this is only one feature of their useful-ness. They serve as mediums through which much useful information, that would otherwise remain hidden with those who posses it, is brought to the surface. How often do we meet with practical farmers who have acquired by experience much valuable information which hey deem unworthy of special publication, but which would be elicited and made public by means of Farmers' Clubs, and would by this means prove of much value to those at a distance. They serve too as incentives to thought and study. Any man who takes an interfist in such institutions will naturally give to the subject set apart for discussion more thought and study than he would if he was not expected to carpress lift views upon it in public. In this way they tend to make each of their members a more liberal contributor to the general stock of knowledge than he would other-wise be. Another very important feature of their usefuncessis, that they are calcu-

more liberal contributor to the general stock of knowledge than he would other-wise be. Another very important feature of their usfulness is, that they are calcu-lated to excite in the rising generation of farmers, or rather in those who should be, but who are too often disposed not to be farmers, a tastefor the pursuit of that calling. It cannot be denied that our farmers' sons are too often disposed not to turn their backs upon the plough, and flock to our towns and cities in search of more inviting employment. This has always seemed to me to be in a great measure due to the fact, that of late years the introduction of a more general system of common schooleducation than formerly prevailed has aroused the thinking faculties of our farmers' cons, and as a consequence they are disposed to star of the thinking faculties that education has aroused. In each searcely say that this impres-sion so general in reference to farming is an erroneous one, for, if rightly viewed, there is no pursuit in life better calculated to afford the educated mind pleasanter occupation than that of agri-outine. Farmers' Clubs are eminently viewed, there is no pursuit in life better calculated to afford the educated mind pleasanter occupation than that of agri-outine. Farmers' Clubs are eminently viewed, there is no pursuit in life better calculated to afford the educated mind pleasanter occupation than that of agri-outine. Farmers' Clubs are eminently viewed, there is no nor such the science one powerful agencies for enlisting in apricultural pursuits men of active minds, who would otherwise be disposed to tars.







of these obtained upon more favorable terms by a Ciub acting together, than they could be by the independent action of individuals. These, centlemen, are but a few of the benchits that Farmers' Clubs are calculated to give rise to, and they are spanized to favorable the or-ganization of the one you contemplate. And now a few words on the necessary for ducting it. I need scarcely say you will first require to call a preliminary meet and now a few words on the necessary for ducting it. I need scarcely say you will first require to call a preliminary meet and the farmers of the district—if you have not already done so. This meeting should select a committee of five or seven active, intelligent men, to draft a constitution. This constitution should, among other things, set forth in plain, unmittakable language, the ob-duties of each. Let your President and Scretary be men upon whom you can ray to take an active interest in its success, for that success will langely de pathous here. The constitution should then proceed to state the qualifi-otions necessary for membership, the should then proceed to state the qualifi-net to be prolimed to state the qualifi-store to be prolimed to the admissable produce of meetings to be held annually, the time and place for helding them, the emeting is to be conducted and a general statement of the nature of the subjects the admissable for discussion, with a clear and unmistakable definition of these topies that will not be admissable. (To be concluded to-morrow.)

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