

deposit is made with the County Society, which must be done on the 1st of May, and as the amounts collected by the several societies in a county after that date vary greatly in proportion, it follows that the amount of the public grant distributed by the County Society to the various townships is apparently not in proportion to their subscriptions. As it is an object to make the abstract as brief as possible, it has not been thought necessary to state in each case the amount subscribed before and after the 1st May—indeed the reports themselves do not in many cases distinctly show—but a general note in a former issue alluded to the circumstance of the subscriptions being increased after that date as explaining what might seem to be discrepancies. Our correspondent further observes that the sum of the portions of the Government grant received by the several townships in a county, does not apparently correspond in amount with the three-fifths of the entire grant professedly distributed amongst them by the County Society. There are occasionally slight differences, from some cause or other, and probably sometimes from inaccuracy, of a few pence or shillings in the amount stated by the County Society to have been paid to a township, and the amount stated by the township to have been received. The abstract of each report is founded upon the report itself, without reference to how it may agree with other documents, as the endeavoring to reconcile all the reports from a county exactly with each other, would require a great deal of time and labor, and in many cases could not possibly be done from the documents furnished, without the alteration of figures, and is therefore not attempted. It follows that there is sometimes apparently a trifling difference between the amounts stated to be received by the townships and the amount stated to be divided amongst them. Where the amount is considerable, it is in most cases owing to the fact of one or other of the townships having failed to make a report at all. So far as we have been able to observe, we believe that the rate of apportionment by the County to the Township Societies is in nearly every instance quite correct, both in respect to the whole amount apportioned, and the relative amount paid to each society. But, while offering this explanation, we must at the same time admit, that while many of the documents received from Societies are altogether unexceptionable, others are very incomplete, if not inaccurate; some of them so much so, as to make it very difficult to make an intelligible abstract from them, and we would beg to impress upon all the officers of Societies the necessity of having their reports drawn up in future as correctly and completely as possible. With the view of inducing some improvement in this respect, and also of obtaining by this means information of a useful character for publication, the Board of Agriculture at a recent meeting agreed to offer a set of premiums of small amount for the best reports from County and Township Societies, the particulars of which will be given in a future issue.

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPE FARMERS' CLUB.

HAMILTON GARDENS, March 26, 1859.

MESSRS. EDITORS,—I enclose you a part of the *Part Hope Guide*, containing a report of a meeting of a newly organized Township Club in Hope. The paper was read by a young farmer of that Township, and a very interesting discussion took place on the subject before them. The editor of the *Guide* was there, but as there was not an understanding that the debate was to be published, he did not take any notes, and only gives a brief synopsis of what was said. They resolved however, that when they met again, Mr. Crew should report the speeches and publish them in the *Guide*.

I thought you would hardly be likely to see the paper, and as I know you are anxious