

**CARE OF SEEDS.**—Many sorts of seeds will continue good for several years, and retain their vegetative faculty, whereas others will not grow after they are one year old; this difference is in great measure owing to their abounding more or less with oil, as also to the nature of the oil, and the texture of their outward covering. All seeds require some share of fresh air, to keep the germs in a healthy state; and, when the air is absolutely excluded, the vegetative quality of the seeds will soon be lost. But seeds will longest of all preserved in the earth, provided they are buried so deep as to be beyond the influence of the sun and showers. The dry kinds of seeds are best kept in their pods or outer coverings. When seeds are gathered, it should always be done in dry weather, and it is an excellent plan to hang them up in bags in a dry room, so as not to deprive them of air. In the common method of sowing seeds, there are many kinds which require to be sown after they are dry, and there many other which lie in the earth a year, sometimes two or three years, before the plants come up: hence, when seeds brought from distant countries are sown, the earth should not be disturbed, for at least two years, for fear of disturbing the young plants. In sending seeds from one country to another, great care is to be taken to preserve them from moisture, and preserve them dry, otherwise they will mould and decay. Various expedients have been used to restore to, to this end; but all seeds require some share of air to preserve their vegetative quality, a simple plan—where there is no other ready convenience—will be found to be, to put the seed into a bag, and hang it in a dry place, or put it into a trunk, where it will be no vermin.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

### Editorial Notices &c.

**BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY.**—THE LITERARY REVIEW FOR JANUARY.—Leonard & Co, New York: H. Rowsell, Toronto. We are in receipt of two excellent periodicals, issued from the American press, within a month or two of their first appearance in Britain. *Blackwood* is more than ordinarily interesting this month, and the articles, *School and College Education*;—*Spontaneous Generation*;—*The Transatlantic Telegraph*, are of a very high order of merit, while there are others not perhaps less interesting and important. The new number of *Edinburgh* is also above par in the interest and attractiveness of its articles. When all are so good it is difficult to select; and the beauty of these periodicals is that they embrace so wide a range in literature, politics, science, and art, that every body finds something suited to his taste and wants. Church expansion

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