

OUR CORRESPONDENCE.

We are delighted to find our letters from correspondents increasing. One of the greatest difficulties this journal has had to contend with heretofore has been, that the farmers of the country could not be induced to write short letters for its pages on any subject of interest which came under their observation, and thus give it a more practical and popular character. In the adjoining States the difficulty of the editors of some of the agricultural journals is, not to obtain contributions, but to *select* from the superabundant quantity that they receive, and some of those papers are almost entirely made up of contributions of this character. Whereas in this country, although, time after time, we might urge our subscribers to favor us with some of the results of their experience, no matter in how few words, they were so slow to respond to our wishes, that if we could get at the rate of about one letter in six months, we felt extremely grateful for the favor. It is not that the farmers of Canada have not the ability to put their thoughts upon paper, for hundreds of them are able to do it well. It is that they do not feel sufficiently that their observations may be of value to the public, and that they themselves would find a pleasure in communicating their ideas to others. It is only to make a commencement that is necessary; after that the keeping up the habit would be easy enough. And even if a farmer is not able to express himself in very correct language, or very polished style, that is of no consequence. We do not want elaborately written, or long scientific articles. We want simply the everyday observations of practical farmers and farmers' wives, or farmers' sons and daughters, on any subject that may interest them, whether the communication of a fact, or an enquiry for information, in plain, familiar language that every one can understand. And no matter how short the communications may be, or

how many of them, they will be all gladly received.

We are much gratified, however, as we commenced these remarks with intending to say, that we have to note a great improvement in the respect under consideration since the commencement of the present volume. We believe that we have already, since the 1st January, received a greater number of communications for publication, than for the whole of the past two years. We hope that our friends who have commenced so well will persevere, and that many others will lend their aid in the work. We must acknowledge that one or two of our correspondents in the present number pay us some rather left-handed compliments, but we do not on that account decline publishing their communications. We are very glad to receive them, not only for their own value, but also because we are anxious by every means to enlist the interest of agriculturists throughout the country, in the contents of our journal. And we are also willing to show that, with the aid we hope to obtain from our friends, we have no fear of any comparisons which may be made with any other publication of the kind whatever. We conclude these remarks by again urging all of our readers who are interested in the diffusion of agricultural intelligence, to let us hear from them as often as they can.

THE BOARDS OF AGRICULTURE.

We copy the following official notice from the *Canada Gazette* of 18th Feb.:

Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics,
February 17, 1860.

The following have been elected Members of the Boards of Agriculture for Upper and Lower Canada, for the year 1860, under the 12th sec. 16 Vict. cap. 11:

UPPER CANADA.

R. L. Denison, Esquire,
E. W. Thomson, "
H. Ruttan, "

Hon. George Alexander.