

that he may be able to select from, authors that he may have it in his power to consult and make extracts from, always giving credit for the same, and stating the page upon which the extract may be found. This will induce a spirit of enquiry, and afford an opportunity in a conversational way, for all who choose to give their views on the subject under discussion, and also to refer to the opinions of such authors as they may have been induced, from having had a previous knowledge of the subject of discussion, to consult.— This seems to be the method successfully adopted by our brother Farmers in other parts of the country, and has had the effect of eliciting many highly interesting and useful remarks from the persons present, who perhaps have read very little. I am quite sure that every one will agree with me on this subject, who has read the interesting proceedings of the Farmers' Clubs established both to the east and west of us, and will be disposed to say as far as he has it in his power, to go and do likewise. Having made these few preliminary remarks, we will now, if you please, hear Mr. Buckland, and afterwards discuss the practicability of forming a permanent Farmers' Club upon a satisfactory basis.

Prof. BUCKLAND expressed his satisfaction at meeting so many farmers on such an occasion, and his willingness to render them any assistance in his power. He gave a brief sketch of the origin and history of agricultural associations in the British Islands, tracing their commencement to a small body of Scotch land owners,—who, upwards of a century ago, formed a Society in Edinburgh, for promoting the important art of agriculture. From that small and obscure beginning great results had followed; among them might be enumerated the Highland Society, which had now been near three-quarters of a century in active operation, giving birth to the present most influential national Societies of England and Ireland, and to the local Associations and Farmers' Clubs, almost without number. The impetus thus given to the agricultural mind of Britain had been immense, and its influences were now more or less felt throughout the wide range of our colonial empire, and by every nation of the civilized world. Mr. B. adverted to the advantages which had resulted from association to commerce, literature and art, and to all the varied appliances of a higher civilization; observing that Providence had remarkably favored this portion of the world in its agricultural and commercial capabilities, and that we inherited the same blood and indomitable energy, which had given to our father-land such an enviable distinction among the nations of the earth.

He had received from distinguished agriculturists, both at Home and in the United States, honorable and encouraging testimony to the value and interest attached to the proceedings of the few Farmers' Clubs that are already in existence in Canada. Agriculture in this country presented a field for practical and scientific culture that is constantly enlarging, and demands the best powers of both mind and body. The Professor concluded by offering a number of practical suggestions relative to the organization and management of Farmers' Clubs, and mentioned several subjects that might be advantageously discussed at such meetings, in the present state and wants of the country.

After some observations from Messrs. Bull, Snider, Lee, Ross, Powell, and others, it was Resolved,

1st. That a Farmers' Club be Established in the Township of York of which all members of its County and Township Agricultural Societies shall be members.

2d. That the object of the Club shall be to meet from time to time for the discussion of subjects connected with the interests of agriculture, that some member shall prepare and read a paper on a subject agreed upon at the previous meeting, taking care to give full references in all cases of quotations from books or other authorities.

The meetings are to be held monthly in different parts of the Township; political and theological subjects are to be excluded, and any member will be at liberty to take part in the discussion.

The following Officers were appointed:—

E. W. THOMSON, President.
J. P. BULL and W. LEE, Vice-Presidents.
W. JACKES, Secretary.
J. ROSS, Treasurer.

Committee:

J. DEW, J. McMULLEN,
H. JOHNSTONE, T. HALLEY,
T. L. HALLOWELL.

The officers are to prepare a set of rules and regulations in accordance with the spirit of the above resolutions, and present them to the next meeting of members, at Powell's Inn, on Yonge Street, the second Wednesday in March, at six o'clock,—when Professor Buckland has engaged to deliver an address on *The Relations of Science to Practical Agriculture*.

Some such peculiarities as the year 1854 possesses will not occur again for twenty-eight years. The year begins and ends on Sunday; there are five months in the year that contain five Sundays, and there are fifty-three Sundays in the year.