

try. The Board of Arts and Manufactures for this section of the Province, which was established by statute some three years since, have, we think, wisely determined on issuing a monthly journal, the first number of which lies before us, and which is alike creditable to the editor, and the Board, of whose objects and proceedings it is the official exponent. The introductory article lucidly sets forth the objects which the Board seek to promote, and the interests which it is their duty to foster. The Board has determined on holding annual examinations for such members of incorporated Mechanics' Institutes as may desire to distinguish themselves in the various walks of useful learning, to whom certificates will be granted. The present number of the Journal contains full particulars of the subjects, text books, &c. We look upon this feature of the Board's proceeding as possessing great interest and importance, and its promoters must not be discouraged if it should progress but slowly. It took many years in England, before a similar plan became general and efficient in its working. Among the various useful subjects included in these examinations, we wish our readers to notice, are agriculture and horticulture.

As the Board of Arts and Manufactures is incorporated under the same Act of Parliament with the Board of Agriculture, and both to some extent have duties to perform in common, we regard with no common interest the success of this new and important undertaking. Agriculture, commerce, and manufactures should go hand in hand together; and the success of the two latter, must in this, as it has done in all other countries, beneficially affect the interests of the former.

The Journal will be published on the first of every month, at \$1 per annum for single copies, or to clubs of ten or more at 75 cents per copy; and to members of Mechanics' Institutes, for 50 cents per annum per copy. Communications whether for the Journal or the Board, should be addressed to the Secretary, W. Edwards, Esq. at the Board Rooms, 79 King Street, Toronto.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE, FOR DECEMBER; NEW YORK: L. SCOTT & Co.; TORONTO: H. ROWSELL.

This number completes the 83th half yearly volume of this world renowned Magazine; and, as usual, filled with articles of sterling merit, and some of the most important topics of the day, the one on the Theories of Food will be found universally interesting, and others, such as Iron-

clad Ships of War, A Visit to the Tribes of the Ryhanler Turkmans, Our only Danger in India, and Social Science, will be found equally so. We have in late numbers pointed out the excellency and marvellous cheapness of these reprints of the standard British Periodicals, and the present is a peculiarly fitting time for new subscribers to commence. Blackwood, with the four leading Quarterly Reviews, can be obtained for only \$10 per annum! Each is also sold separately.

TRANSACTIONS ILLINOIS STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—We are indebted to Mr. J. P. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, for the Report of the proceedings of that Society for the years 1853 to 1859 inclusive, in three handsome volumes, and containing much interesting and valuable information.

OHIO STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Mr. J. H. Klippart, Corresponding Secretary of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, has favored us with a parcel containing the following valuable works:—Reports of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture for the years 1847, 1848, 1850, 1852, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58, '59, eleven volumes; Third Annual Report of the Commissioner of Statistics to the Governor of the State of Ohio, 1859; Proceedings of the State Board of Equalization, 1859-60; Report on the State House Artesian Well at Columbus; Annual Report of the Auditor of the State, 1859; Sixth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Hamilton County Lunatic Asylum; Amended By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the State Reform Farm, near Lancaster, Ohio; Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Ohio to investigate the Massachusetts Cattle Disease, Pleuro-Pneumonia, together with several other reports and pamphlets, for all of which we have to return our hearty thanks, and we shall endeavor to make our readers better acquainted with the contents of some of the works at an early day.

DEWEY'S FRUITS, FLOWERS, AND ORNAMENTAL TREES.—We have to apologize for having omitted for a long time to notice some handsome colored plates of Fruits received from Mr. D. M. Dewey, Arcade Hall, Rochester, including Early Strawberry Apple, Belle Lucrative Pear, Trollope's Victoria Strawberry, Concord Grape. These plates are well executed and richly coloured. They are particularly useful to nursery men,