

man life. Add to this, a pleasing solemnity of reverence when the discourse turns upon any thing sacred and divine; a becoming neglect of injuries, a hatred of calumny and slander, a habit of speaking well of others, a pleasing benevolence and a readiness to do good to mankind, a special compassion to the miserable, with an air and countenance in a natural and unaffected manner, expressive of all these excellent qualifications

**FORCE OF CHARACTER.**—Man imputes to himself the ability to be constant by his own proper force, and places his honor in that ability. A man of his word, and a man of honour, are synonymous terms. He who can embrace a purpose and persist in it, who can act from a resolve, unsupported by present inclination, nay, even in opposition to present inclination, emotion or passion, of him we say, "he has a character," "he is a man." We despise the man who is always only what things, accidents, circumstances, make of him; the fickle, the inconstant, the wavering.—We honour him who can resist objects, and the impressions which they make upon him, who knows how to maintain himself in the face of them, who lets himself be instructed but not changed by them.

**USE OF ADVERSITY.**—Do not expect nor desire continued prosperity. A good spice of adversity is the very thing you need, to give strength, vigour, and elasticity to the mind, and, in fact, to mature and perfect the whole man, body and soul. Sun and shade, wet and dry, cold and heat, are what is wanted to produce and ripen good fruit. A few storms only serve to make the tree root the deeper and stand the firmer. Hard rubs will polish the diamond and make it shine more brilliantly. Brushing will purify the garment and make it all the better.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

The annual general meeting of the directors of this important society was held, pursuant to public notice, in the Court House of the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, 21st inst.—Mr. Sheriff Ruttan of Cobourg, the President of the Association, in the chair. Several important matters were disposed of, and arrangements made for conducting the proceedings of the Association for the current year. Among those, we may mention the appointment of the following gentlemen as a sub-committee of management at Kingston, where the next show will be held in September.

J. B. MARKS, Esq., Vice-President of the Association.

ANGUS CAMERON, Esq. Chairman of the Wolfe Island Agricultural Society.

PETER DAVY, Esq., Chairman of the Earnestown Agricultural Society.

HENRY SMITH, Esq., M.P.P., for Frontenac. DR. BARKER.

WM. FERGUSSON, Esq., Chairman of the Pittsburg Agricultural Society, and Treasurer of the Midland District—Treasurer.

G. A. CUMING, Esq., Treasurer of the Pittsburg Agricultural Society—Secretary.

The Hon. Adam Fergusson being present, and on his way to Montreal, was requested, in conjunction with J. Wetenhall, Esq., M.P.P. to urge upon the Government, the justice and expediency of allowing a liberal grant of money, to enable the Association to discharge all its outstanding liabilities. It was also resolved, that the President address a circular to the agricultural societies of the different districts, urging upon them the importance of contributing to the funds of the Provincial Association. A vote of thanks was passed to the late executive committee at Cobourg, for the very liberal and successful manner in which they sustained the last exhibition of the society in that town. It was likewise determined, that the Secretary, Mr. Buckland, be instructed to draw up a concise report of the origin and progress of the association; and that the directors take such means as will so enable the Financial Committee to meet all the demands against the society. A few individuals in the Huron District have set a praiseworthy example, by subscribing liberally toward that object; and we trust many others will be induced to do the same. £500 are required to place the Association in a healthy condition. The directors adjourned the meeting to the first Wednesday in May, to be then held in the city of Kingston.

RATE OF WAGES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

We copy the following article from the Lowell Courier. The writer, Mr. Aiken, is agent of the Lawrence Mills in Lowell:—

During the autumn of 1847 I visited Europe, and, while in Great Britain, spent several weeks in the manufacturing districts. I was admitted with entire freedom to the