

or moral duties. We shall advocate the judicious cultivation of our soil, in order that our lands shall yield abundant crops—the care and management of our cattle and sheep, so that they shall give us profitable returns—the introduction of such domestic manufactures as we shall conceive might be advantageous to us; indeed it shall be our sole study to write for the benefit of our subscribers, and for the general interests of Canada. We may address this Journal to many that are not disposed to subscribe to it, notwithstanding all we have said in this article to recommend it as good value for a dollar. Those who will not be charmed by us, charm we ever so wisely or sweetly, we would request to return this number, addressed to us as Secretary of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, and the Journal shall be discontinued to them. We would hope, however, that not one copy shall be returned, but, on the contrary, some thousand copies ordered, after this urgent invitation to all our brother farmers. Agricultural Societies throughout the country, we shall, as a matter of course, expect to order large numbers of the Journal for distribution to the unsuccessful competitors at their shows. They will thus make them perhaps successful competitors at some future shows. Indeed we would recommend to all County Agricultural Societies to distribute this or some better Agricultural Journal to each unsuccessful competitor at the cattle shows, and perhaps it would be found to produce more improvement, where it is most required, than all the premiums paid to successful competitors. We shall answer for it, that this Journal for a year, if given to an unsuccessful competitor, will, at all events, enable him to understand the cause of his failure. According to our idea of the matter, it would be quite as necessary to give instruction and encouragement to the unsuccessful competitors for Agricultural premiums, as to reward those who are successful, and who may owe their success to fortunate circumstances, that are not in the power of the unsuccessful competitors. To encourage and

instruct the inexperienced farmer, we conceive, if not to be the first, certainly to be the most useful duty of Agricultural Societies, and this is the chief object of the Society who publish this Journal. The establishment of Agricultural Schools and Model Farms, is the next means they propose for the accomplishment of the same object. The Society are organized and incorporated, and capable of producing immense benefit if they obtain the support they are entitled to from every true friend of Canada. To the Catholic clergy, who, for the past year, have been the best patrons and supporters of the Journal, we continue to send it, and respectfully beg they will exert their powerful influence to assist in promoting the objects advocated by the Journal, so far as they shall approve of the same.

The following selections from Thær's Agriculture we recommend to the attention of farmers, who must see the correctness of Thær's observations, and cannot fail to profit by them if so disposed. We prefer to copy from the work of this practical agriculturist to submitting our own ideas, as we perfectly agree with Mr. Thær. We cannot conceive any reasonable objection to copying into this Journal good selections from practical works on agriculture, particularly when our own ideas coincide with the matter selected. There may be some selections copied occasionally, that we do not agree with, from our want of practical experience or these particular subjects, but in such cases, we shall simply copy without any recommendation, leaving the reader to judge for himself. We are aware of the difficulty of giving general satisfaction in a publication of this nature, as well to those who may know very little of agriculture, as to others who may think they know vastly more about the matter than we do. All that is in our power we have done, and ever shall continue to do, to make the Journal useful to any subscriber who may desire to profit by it. For our own part, we have been most anxious to read any agricultural publica-