

ries, in a philosophical point of view, the direct benefits to be derived from them would also be very considerable,—in not only furnishing a ready medium standard of the climate and seasons of the District, including the daily range of the Thermometer, and a register of the prevailing winds, weather, rain, frost, snow, &c., but as often affording intended purchasers of new property, as well as Farmers changing their location, the means of ascertaining beforehand, pretty correctly, how far, in many respects, their contemplated purchase or removal will suit their purpose.—Nay, even the benefit derivable from the ascertainment, within any thing like tolerable accuracy, of the general range of the early frosts so fatal to some crops, but more especially to Tobacco and Indian Corn, would soon prove worth tenfold the trouble and expense attending a few sets of observations, such as those contemplated.

Considering, Gentlemen, the very unmerciful trespass I have committed on your time and patience, I rejoice to find myself, at length, arrived at the limits of the desultory observations, which I have thought it my duty to submit to you, before winding up the business of the Evening; and I thank you sincerely for the indulgent attention with which you have kindly received them. If they have been much longer, and proved more tedious than ought to have been the case, let me entreat you will, in the same kindly feeling with which you listened to me last year, ascribe it solely to the still unwearied zeal and deep interest and anxiety felt by me in the success of the objects of your Society, and not to any vain wish to appear a prominent actor in the scene. In the same spirit, also, though retiring from the Presidency of the Society, shall ever be most happy to give it all the assistance and support, in my humble power to bestow. Before, therefore, proposing the necessary Resolutions of the Evening, allow me to conclude these observations by the reiteration of the closing paragraph of my last year's remarks:—

“Let us, then, Gentlemen, henceforward, burying in oblivion all petty local prejudices, or narrow-minded jealous feelings, connected with the pretensions of one particular quarter of the District in preference to others, and uniting in one great burst of generous rivalry in the promotion of the *general* welfare,—with “*SPEED THE PLOUGH*” for our motto, and “*Perseverance*” for our watchword,—look forward with perfect confidence to the WESTERN DISTRICT, ere long, assuming that pre-eminent station among the component sections of the Province, which Providence has evidently assigned to it, as not only the *fruitful* GARDEN, but also the *teeming* GRANARY, of *Upper Canada*.”