

Fill up each hour with what will last,  
Buy up the moment as they go:  
The life above, when this is past,  
Is the ripe food of life below.

Sow truth, if thou the truth wouldst reap;  
Who sows the false shall reap the vain;  
Erect and sound thy conscience keep;  
From hollow words and deeds refrain.

Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure;  
Sow peace, and reap its harvest bright;  
Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,  
And reap a harvest-home of light.

—Horatius Bonar.

### Past, Present and Future.

Those who have but little to do or to care about, who have no great end to accomplish nor hopes to fulfil beyond the search of pleasure for its own sake, find that, while present time seems to move slowly and the future looks drear, time which is past seems, on the other hand, short and unsatisfactory. Looking forward, they are appalled by the length of time they know not how to use; looking backward they can call up but few vivid memories of good work accomplished or strong purposes fulfilled, and but little therefore to mark the years that are gone. On the contrary, those whose life is a worthy and useful one, who labor energetically and heartily, with good success, look backward upon a long defined past, while the future seems all too short for the aims they have in view. A year full of activity, resolution, and enterprise will offer a long and pleasant page for memory to dwell upon, while a year of bodily inaction, mental vacuity, and general supineness will melt from the remembrance like a tale that is told.

### The Old Farm.

Out in the meadows the farm-house lies,  
Old and gray, and fronting the west,  
Many a swallow thither flies,  
Twittering under the evening skies,  
And in the chimney builds her nest.

Ah! how the sounds make our old hearts swell,  
Send them again on an eager quest,  
Bid the sweet winds of heaven tell,  
Those we have loved so long and well,  
Come again home to the dear old nest.

When the gray evening, cool and still,  
Hushes the brain and heart to rest,  
Memory comes with a joyous thrill,  
Brings the young children back at will,  
Calls them all home to the gray old nest.

Patient we wait till the golden morn  
Rises on our weariness half-confessed:  
Till, with the chill and darkness gone,  
Hope shall arise with another dawn,  
And a new day to the sad old nest.

Soon shall we see all the eager East,  
Bright with the Day-Star, at Heaven's behest,  
Sworn, from the bondage of clay released,  
Rise to the Palace, the King's own feast,  
Birds of flight from the last year's nest.

—Christian Union.

### Faithfulness.

The faithfulness of a man should never be gauged by the mere extent of his work. A large amount may be overtaken where the quality has been inferior, or where other obligations have been neglected while performing it. Faithfulness has always a high degree of regard for quality, and is heedless in nothing that relates to furtherance of the task in hand, whether for self or for another.

### Jottings.

Read the Advertisement of the Creamery Supply Co. on another page.

**Buffaloes.**—Mr. Warden Benson, Stony Mountain Penitentiary, Selkirk, Man., has a herd of buffaloes. It is probably the only herd domesticated in the North-West.

**Ensilage for Sheep.**—Ensilage fed to sheep has been found to agree with them well. They should, however, get some uncut feed along with it, and a modicum of grain.

**We Have Pleasure in Calling the Attention** of our readers to the advt. of Ingleton & Co., Brantford, Ont., manufacturers of threshing machines, portable traction and saw-mill engines.

**Holsteins.**—At the dispersion sale of the Holsteins owned by Mr. Thos. B. Wales, jr., of Iowa, 51 females sold for an average of \$456, 15 bulls for \$454, and the 66 head sold averaged \$455.45.

**Notice.**—A few subscribers still in arrears will please renew their subscriptions at once. Please bear in mind that no names are removed from the subscription list until all arrears are paid, as prescribed by law.

**Crop Prospects in Manitoba.**—Mr. Jas. M. Jamieson, Gladstone, Man., writes on June 9th: "The farmers in this part of the country are jubilant this spring again over the crop prospects. We had two heavy days' rain this week.

**Live Stock in the United States.**—The total number of horses in the United States is 13,073,936, cattle, 49,234,777, swine, 43,505,025, and sheep, 43,544,755. These figures were given in the report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture for April.

**Composition of Soils.**—Prof. Fream, in a recent article in the *Mark Lane Express*, gives the following as the best composition of soils for producing: Sand, 50 to 70 per cent.; clay, 20 to 30 per cent.; pulverized limestone, 5 to 10 per cent., and humus, from 5 to 10 per cent.

**Industrial Exhibition Prize List.**—Intending exhibitors should send for this prize list without delay. It may be had by sending a postal card to Mr. H. J. Hill, manager and secretary, Toronto. It is a splendid prize list. The entries for live stock close positively on the 18th August.

**Kyloe Cattle.**—It is thought by many that this hardy breed will very largely supply the place occupied by the buffalo in the North-West in furnishing hides. Their hardiness is such that they can stand even an ordinary blizzard. The experiment is also being tried in Manitoba of crossing them with the buffalo of the plains.

**Jerseys.**—8,328 animals were registered by the A. J. C. C. during the past year, as against 8,300 the previous year. Of these, 2,280 are bulls and 6,328 cows. Four animals only during the year have been imported. The financial condition of the club is satisfactory, \$24,000 being on deposit. The membership is 398.

**Canvassers Wanted.**—If any of our readers, not having time themselves, know of any person in their neighborhood likely to devote a little time in getting us a few subscribers or even in forming a club for next year, we shall esteem it a favor if they will kindly send us his name and address, when we will send them sample copies, etc., for the purpose.

**Business Cards.**—Even if a breeder has nothing to sell, the publication of his "card" is of use to him. It keeps the name of his herd and his own name before the public. It is virtually an invitation to any one interested to call and examine the breeding stock, and when he has stock to dispose of he will find that they are not strangers to the buying public. *The Gurnsey Breeder*

**Pure vs. Crossbred.**—Mr. J. Y. Ormsby, in the stock notes col. of this issue, uses the following language: "We would urge upon the farmers the necessity of being more particular about keeping their Shire and Clyde blood separate, as the American buyers are declaring more and more every year in favor of the pure-bred horse in preference to the cross bred." The advice given here will also apply to other lines of live stock.

**Valued, Because Undoubtedly Candid.**—MR. EDITOR,—I have read your publication for the last twelve months carefully, and must say that though there are many things in it that are neither useful nor instructive, yet upon the whole I do think it is the best of its class published in Canada, and if some of the useful hints thrown out were carefully carried out by the farmers of this country, they would be found to add many a dollar at the end of the year to their pocket-books.—Thos. Baird, Bright.

**Moosomin Exhibition.**—The prize list for exhibition which will be held at Moosomin, Oct. 4th, is to hand. The prize list for live stock and agricultural products is respectable. A commendable feature is the encouragement it gives to the work of school children. It is well sustained by liberal contributors, of which the Shorthorn breeder, Mr. R. J. Phin, stands at the head. The secretary is Mr. R. D. McNaughton, Moosomin, Assiniboia.

**St. Catharines Business College.**—Our next issue will contain an advertisement of a new work on Book-keeping, published by the St. Catharines Business College. It

claims to be fully up to the times and ahead of anything yet produced in Canada. Those who intend to take a commercial course would do well to secure this latest work on the subject. Introductory price is only one dollar. See advt., "Two Months at Grimsby Park."

**Breeder's Directory.** There are scores of stockmen in various districts who we believe would find it would pay them well to have a card of two or three lines in the "Breeder's Directory." Oftentimes their stock is superior, but being known only to their immediate neighbors, they have little chance of getting its full value when placed in the market; whereas a card would bring it to the notice of thousands of readers throughout Canada and the United States. The cost is only \$1.50 per line per annum.

**Agricultural Societies.**—While we earnestly thank those who took so much interest in the JOURNAL last season, will not our friends in those Agricultural Societies where the plan has not been adopted see their influence to have it included among their premiums? We believe it would be the means of very materially increasing the demand for a better class of stock in the neighborhood. Any society wishing to offer the JOURNAL in this way will please communicate with the publishers, the Stock Journal Co., Hamilton, Ont.

**Dishorning Cattle.**—The battle is still raging between the friends and foes of this system, more especially in the Western States. Wm. Home, V. S., of Janesville, Wisconsin, is faithful in his denunciation of the cruel system which is finding favor with many. In the *Country Gentleman* of May 10, he cites the case of a herd of cows that were dishorned, and in seven weeks the milk fell from 13 to 9 pounds. In another instance 27 animals were dishorned, two died, five came near dying, and the others degenerated. He claims that the vital forces are injured by the process.

**To Stockmen.**—This month we publish breeders' cards from Mr. Isaac M. Cross, Bond Head, Ont., a successful breeder of Berkshire pigs and Southdown sheep; from Messrs. R. & J. Gumett, Ancaster, who are breeding extensively, we understand, the Ohio improved Chester whites, and from Mr. Jas. Brown, of Thorold, Ont., who owns a choice herd of Shorthorn cattle; also a nicely displayed advertisement from Mr. D. Alexander, Bridgen, Ont., with cut of head, an exact picture of his beautiful cow Lady Violet Lure. Though not generally known, Mr. Alexander has an exceedingly choice herd of Shorthorn cattle.

**Shropshire Sheep and Hereford Cattle.**—Breeders and importers of the above will derive considerable advantage by communicating with Mr. E. G. Preece, live-stock agent, of Shrewsbury, Eng., who is able and well pleased to give them much valuable and reliable information, and render them every assistance in the selection, purchase and shipment of stock. His knowledge of the various pure-bred stocks and herds is most extensive, and he can advise foreign buyers as to the best and cheapest stocks to select from. Mr. Preece has on sale by private treaty, selections from many noted flocks and herds, with full pedigrees, description and lowest prices of each, and will be glad to place buyers in direct communication with the home breeders, for which service he makes the reasonable charge of 2½% on amount of purchases. He also buys on commission very extensively.

**The Ayrshire Herd Book Controversy.**—As this controversy is heavily freighted with the elements of personal acrimony, unless this in future is kept well in the background, we must take the stand that it must close with the August issue. If anything important bearing upon the subject is to be brought to light, both parties will be heard in that issue. Our counsel is, bury by-gones, come together at Kingston, and weld together the amalgamation knot, so rudely snapped when almost tied. The standards are now virtually the same. What then is there in the way? The only thing, so far as we can see, is the perversity of human nature, which, like weeds, can best be pulled up by the owner of the land. For the sake of the dairy interest of Canada, for the advancement of the reputation of Ayrshires as a breed, for the honor of the associations, we urge another attempt at union. A house divided against itself, what eventually becomes of it? The advocates of rival breeds are capable of saying enough adversely without their best friends doing it. Which of the organizations will make the proposal first?

**The Provincial Exhibition.**—The prize list of the forty-third Provincial Exhibition, which is to be held in Kingston, Sept. 10th to 15th, 1888, is to hand. The usual classes are found in the list for horses. A special sweepstakes (\$40) is offered by the Clydesdale Association of Canada, for the best Clydesdale stallion of any age, recorded in the Clydesdale Stud Book of Canada. The American Clydesdale Association offer