

with our growth, and strengthened with our strength," had we been possessed of the highest order of talent that ever man was endowed with and improved by the best education that could be acquired, we should have devoted our whole energies to the cause of Agriculture, as sincerely as we have done, with our humble acquirements. Had we higher endowments, we presume we should have been able to effect much more good with less labour to ourselves.

Our sincerity may, perhaps, be questioned, when we say, that whatever might have been our acquirements, we should have adopted the most plain and simple language on agricultural subjects. It is a subject of too much importance to the human race to require any high flights of eloquence, to advocate its improvements and interests. There is not much occasion for display of eloquence in describing the quality of the soil, the manure-heap, the operation of ploughing and harrowing, planting and digging potatoes, sowing and harvesting grain, &c. Eloquent terms would be mis-applied in describing the perfection of a pig, a sheep, or a cow, though not perhaps in describing a war-horse. There does not exist a more ardent admirer of agriculture and a country life than we are, but it was not any eloquent terms we have seen employed in reference to them that attached us to it, but from early habits, being engaged in the business from our youth, and necessarily a residence in the country constantly—surrounded by the works of the Creator in every variety, and in their most surprising, and pleasing forms. We have ever looked upon the Bible description of the Creation as simplicity itself, and an example of simple eloquence, and any party who has attempted what they conceived to be more eloquent terms of description of this event, have miserably failed, and so they ought. It is the greatest presumption for man to attempt to make the works of the Creator appear in a more glorious light, by describing them in terms chosen by themselves, rather than in the language of the Bible. Who could see the rising and the setting sun, and be persuaded, that any written description of it, could equal the reality of its glorious beauty. We may be considered an enthusiast, but it is our pride and delight to be so on this subject, though on no other.

In retiring from our post as editor to the Agricultural Journal, we regret that improved husbandry is not more advanced. There is one consolation, however, that agriculture is now in an infinitely more favourable position in Canada than it ever was before, and that improvement has commenced, and is making very satisfactory progress. The prospects for agriculturists are much better now, than for many years past. There is now a Minister of Agriculture, disposed to do every thing to promote the prosperity of that interest. There is a Bureau of Agriculture—and a Board of Agriculture—all concessions made to Agriculturists, that are of the greatest importance and cannot fail to have a most beneficial influence upon the Agriculture of Canada, no matter who may think to the contrary, and we rejoice that we have been the humble advocate of these measures. We retire from the conduct of the

Agricultural Journal, with the same good wishes for the prosperity of Canadian Agriculture that we have constantly entertained. The Journal in a new form, under a new title, and management and at a reduction of price from five shillings to two, cannot fail to have a greatly increased circulation. We wish it all possible prosperity, and that it may be the means of greatly promoting the improvement of Agriculture in a country that is dear to us, and whose prosperity we hope to see increasing every day we exist. We would not inflict such a long address upon the subscribers, but we conceive it is proper at finally parting, to give a full explanation of our motives and conduct in the management of the Journal, as well as all our other publications. And now we bid our friends farewell, assuring them, that if in our new capacity of Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Agriculture, we can be of the slightest use to them, they may always command our humble services.

TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have much pleasure in learning that this society has been re-organized, and that its prospects of permanent prosperity are quite encouraging. Toronto has now a number of professional gardeners and zealous amateurs; and as the society is now restricted to a narrow section, tho' its prizes may be competed for by persons residing in any portion of the Province, an extensive support may be reasonably anticipated. Gardening in all its departments is a delightful and healthful pursuit, and is eminently calculated to form correct habits of observation; to elevate the taste and moral feelings and to prepare the mind for the appreciation of the lovely and beautiful in nature among its earnest cultivators. It is a pursuit peculiarly adapted to the ladies, who would be sure to find their health and sentiments improved by the cultivation, study and arrangement of flowers. We trust all our fair readers will take this reasonable hint. The Toronto Society intend holding three exhibitions during the season: the first will take place on Thursday, June 2nd, and we trust that this renewed attempt to promote the love and interests of gardening, in all its branches will meet with a prompt and generous support.

LECTURES ON AGRICULTURE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

A number of Students belonging to Knox's College and the Congregational Theological Institute, who attended Professor Buckland's lectures during the past winter, presented the Professor, at the last meeting before they separated, with a copy of Dr. Mantell's beautifully illustrated work on Geology, entitled "THE MEDALS OF CREA-