

Fenton Barns, East-Lothian, and held a prominent position in connection with Scottish agriculture. He succeeded his father in the same farm, and was early noted as a skilful and intelligent cultivator, and as one of the pioneers in those improvements in the agriculture of Scotland, which East-Lothian may be said to have begun first and carried farthest. In early life Mr. Hope was a contributor to "The Farmer's Magazine," and to the works published by Sir John Sinclair. Almost the last article of any length which he wrote was the General Observations on the County of Haddington in the New Statistical Account of Scotland, where he graphically describes the changes witnessed in his life-time. He states that he remembered when the public roads in his neighbourhood, particularly the one along the coast to North Berwick, were without metal, and ploughed up every summer to lessen the inequalities, and to remove the water, the condition of the agricultural districts being at that time as primitive as the roads; and he lived to see the best of roads intersecting a country cultivated like a garden, and a railway passing his own fields, carrying to market in tons, in a few minutes, the produce which he used to see conveyed on horseback or by sea. "Mr. Hope's reputation as an agriculturist, and as a man of general intelligence and probity," says the *Scotsman*, "being more than local, he was one of the Scotch farmers selected to give evidence before the Parliamentary committee on agricultural distress in 1836, and his evidence then given is very remarkable for fulness of information and clearness of statement, not only regarding questions purely agricultural, but on the Scottish system and other topics. In personal qualities—in gentleness, benevolence, kindness, and the strictest and most sensitive integrity—Mr. Hope stood very high and he enjoyed throughout life the respect and affection of his neighbours of all ranks and opinions. As a master, he was remarkable for his careful study not only of the interests and comforts, but of the feelings of those he employed."

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

To OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—The delay in the publication of the present number of the *Agriculturist*, has been occasioned by unavoidable circumstances, among them may be mentioned our having to wait for the paper being manufactured.

THE OHIO STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY held its annual Exhibition at Cleveland, the latter end of September, and was eminently successful. The number of visitors was very large, and the whole affair seems to have been strongly impressed with the tribute of *progress*.

THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR held at Utica, in September, although not quite so numerously attended as on former occasions, went off exceedingly well, affording indisputable evidence of the healthy progress which that Empire State continues to make in the first and most important of all arts. The agriculture of this continent is largely indebted for the impetus that has been given it, to the exertions and example of this enlightened and influential Society.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF NEW BRUNSWICK was held at Fredericton in the middle of October and continued four days. It appears to have been quite a splendid affair, and we heartily congratulate our fellow colonists on the complete success of their patriotic enterprise. An interesting report has been sent us as printed in "The Head Quarters," to which we hope hereafter more specially to refer, than either time or space will at present permit.

MR. PARSONS' LETTER, with one or two other communications, to be found in the present number, were unavoidably crowded out of our last, to make room for the report and premium list of the Exhibition.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE WISCONSIN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, Vol. 1, 1851.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Bank, Secretary of the Society, for this interesting octavo volume, consisting of upwards of 300 pages. A document of this sort is highly creditable to the Society from which it emanates, and affords indisputable proof of the rapid progress of civilization in the great West; we will refer more particularly to this publication hereafter.

JOURNAL OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HOME MANUFACTURES, AND COMMERCE, Part 3rd: Fredericton, N. B. 1852.

Dr. Robb, the able Secretary of this Society, will please accept our thanks for the third part of this Journal, which contains several valuable papers and much pleasing information relative to the capabilities and progress of our sister Province. Some of these matters we intend referring to when we have space, in the mean time, we shall feel additionally obliged to the courteous Secretary for parts 1st and 2nd.

SCOBIE'S CANADIAN ALMANAC AND REPOSITORY OF USEFUL KNOWLEDGE, for 1853, Toronto: Hugh Scobie.

This valuable publication continues to maintain the high character it has earned in previous years, for accuracy and general usefulness. To the man or business it is essential, and the immense mass of information which it contains entitles it to a place in every family of the Province. Nearly one hundred pages of closely printed matter, most of which must have been collected at great labour and expense, with a neatly engraved map, for the small sum of seven pence half-penny, cannot be otherwise regarded than as a miracle of cheapness, and highly creditable to the enterprising spirit of the indefatigable publisher.

"THE CANADIAN JOURNAL," Monthly.—Toronto: H. Scobie.

This periodical is of a much higher character, both as to matter and "getting up" than anything of the kind heretofore attempted in this Province. It is the authorized organ of a young and already vigorous