

GREAT FARMING ON A SMALL SCALE.

There is more information in the following letter from Mr. Atkins to the Genesee Farmer, than we sometimes meet with, in two columns of essays. A man who can condense so much in so few lines, is capable of turning every inch of ground to some account; if he carries out the same degree of economy in his agricultural arrangements.—[Portsmouth Journal.]

SMALL PRODUCTIVE FARM.—I raised the past year, from 30 acres of land, 700 bushels of potatoes, 80 bushels of barley, 25 bushels of beets, 15 bushels of wheat, 10 bushels of beans, 4 tons of mowed oats, 6 tons of English hay, 10 tons of meadow hay, 40 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of carrots, 75 chickens and turkeys, and a great variety of garden sauce.

I have killed one hog, weighing 390 lbs., made 400 pounds of butter, kept 3 cows, a pair of oxen, two hens, two steers, eight sheep, four hogs. I have been on the place but two years, have laid six acres of land in grass: the land a clay loam, easy to work. I have no convenience for my hogs to graze, neither do I believe it economy, for the extra manure that can be made by yarding them, will pay the extra feed. I mix lime with my compost, and plaster my corn, potatoes, and grass. I sort my potatoes before sale, and by that means save half a peck per bushel, which would be lost to me if not sorted. Finally I cook every thing I give my hogs, and feed worms and keep warm.

A. T. ATKINS.

We suspect that one secret of this admirable success, is in the fact, that besides cultivating in the most perfect style, such crops as were useful, Mr. Atkins took good care not to cultivate any useless crops—that is, he did not cultivate weeds. If we were not greatly mistaken, it is a common sight to see on tillage lands, from which the harvest has just been gathered, a great amount of weeds left on the ground—greater in bulk and in weight—than the whole of the grain or roots that has been taken off.

Farming so small as this cannot be profitable, until farmers can support their families and stock on weeds; then it will do well. The obvious reason why the weeds thus take the place of the crop is, that the cultivator has not time enough to keep his land clean and that simply because he has too much land. The thirty acres of Mr. Atkins tell the story.—[Portland Advertiser.]

CHRISTIANITY.

BY MARY HOWITT.

Christianity, like a child, goes wandering over the world. Fearless in its innocence, it is not abashed before princes, nor confounded by the wisdom of Synods. Before it the blood-stained warrior sheathed his sword, and plucked the laurel from his brow; the midnight murderer turns from his purpose, and like the heart smitten discipline goes out and weeps bitterly. It brings liberty to the captive, joy to the murderer, freedom to the slave, repentance and forgiveness to the sinner, hope to the faint-hearted, and assurance to the dying. It enters the hut of the poor man, and sits down with his children; it makes them contented in the midst of privations, and leaves behind an everlasting blessing. It walks through green wastes, amid all their pomp and splendour, their imaginable pride, and their untimely misery, a purifying, ennobling, correcting, and redeeming angel. It is like the beautiful companion of childhood, and the comfortable associate of age. It ennobles the noble; it gives wisdom to the wise; and new grace to the lovely. The patriot, the priest, the poet, and the eloquent man, all derive their sublime power from its influence.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.

BY MISS BREMER.

"Ah! that I could be heard by all oppressed, dejected souls! I would cry to them—'Lift up your head, and confide still in the future, and believe that it is never too late!' See! I too was bowed down by long suffering, and an old age had, moreover, overtaken me, and I believed that all my strength had vanished; that my life, and my sufferings were in vain—and behold! my head has been again lifted up; my heart appeared, my soul strengthened; and now, in my fiftieth year I advanced into a new future, attended by all that life has of beautiful and worthy of love."

The change in my soul has enabled me better to comprehend life and suffering, and I am now fully convinced that there is no fruitless suffering, and that no virtuous endeavor is in vain. Winter days and nights may bury beneath their pall of snow the snow corn; but when the spring arrives, it will be found equally true, that there grows much bread in the winter night."

BRIGHT HOURS ON EARTH.

BY MISS BREMER.

There is on earth much sorrow and much darkness; there is crime and sickness, the shriek of despair, and the sleep, long, silent torture. Ah! who can name them all, the sufferings of humanity, in their manifold, pain-sustaining! But, God be praised! there is also affluence of goodness and joy; there are noble deeds, lifiting hopes, moments of rapture, decades of blissful peace, bright marriage-days, and calm, holy deathbeds.

CRIMINAL LUNATICS.

From a return recently presented to the House of Commons of the number of criminal lunatics now under confinement, it appears that there are 128 confined in Bethlehem Hospital, who were charged with various offences, the charge of murder greatly preponderating. There are 3 in the county of Bedford, 10 in Chester, 8 in Cornwall, 6 in Devon, 2 in Dorset, 6 in Durham, 10 in Gloucester, 4 in Hants, 7 in Kent, 17 in Lancaster, 4 in Leicester, 22 in the Metropolitan Licensed Asylums, 1 in Norfolk, 2 in Norwich, 4 in Nottingham, 2 in Oxford, 8 in Salop, 3 in Somerset, 2 in Stafford, 9 in Suffolk, 1 in Sussex, 2 in Warwick, 5 in Wilts, 3 in Worcester, and 5 in York—making in the aggregate 269 criminal lunatics.

SHORT BUT GOOD.

Let young people remember that good temper will gain them more esteem and happiness, than the genius and talents of all the bad men that ever existed.

BANK CHARTER.

On the 5th inst., the House of Commons resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bank Charter, when Sir R. Peel, in a speech of 3 hours duration, gave an able exposition of the affairs of the Bank of England, the state of the Currency, and the views of the Government as to the Bank. This was a species of vast importance, for as the abolition of slavery is contemplated changes will be made, which will affect much detail and research, and abounds with striking details and facts of great value to those who interest themselves in the subject. Leasing, however, the introductory and argumentative part of the speech, after justifying the existence of slavery, even contemplated any interference with the constitution of America.

The Earl of Aberdeen said the noble and learned lord could not expect him to give a precise answer to the question he asked.

THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

At the present instant some few particulars of the life of the distinguished successor of Lord Elphinstone in the Government of India will not be unacceptable to our readers. The Right Honourable Sir Henry Hardinge is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Hardinge, Vicar of Stanhope, Durham, and was born in 1783. He is the son of a brother of James Bent, Esq., of the Royal Engineers, and is brother to the Rev. Dr. Bent, the Rev. Sir Charles Hardinge, Bart., and the Rev. Mr. Bent. He was educated at Eton, and succeeded to the baronetcy in 1821.

At an early age, he evinced a strong disposition for a military life, and his parents, with much prudence, thought fit to encourage, and he was therefore educated with much care for the noble profession in which he is now, so greatly distinguished himself. His valuable services in Spain and Portugal are repeatedly the subject of warlike commendation in the newspapers.

At present joint-stock banks are to be weekly publication, full and complete, of accounts, comprising the notes in circulation, the quantity of bullion, and the extent of fluctuation.

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