

save them for this purpose. When applied in form of bone-dust, their fertilizing properties become more immediately apparent. But even when simply broken, and in this manner applied to fruit trees, grass lands, and most kinds of vegetables, nothing better can be found. We particularly recommend broken bones as a superior dressing for vineyards.—*O. V. Farmer.*

Bones should be placed in a heap of horse manure in the fall, and they will become soft and available by the next spring. Their intrinsic value is more perhaps than that of any other article.—Do not consider them of little value because they are not bulky. One bushel of bones well decomposed is worth a cord of manure for every kind of crop. Bear this in mind.—*Ed.*

OUR EXCHANGES.

The late improvements of some of our Exchanges merits a special notice.

THE GREENSBORO' TIMES, a large weekly family paper, neutral in politics, and devoted to literature and general intelligence, has been much improved, and ought to be encouraged by the Southern public in preference to Northern periodicals, both on account of the tone and sentiments inculcated and the superior character of the reading matter it contains. The Editors are laboring to make it a Southern newspaper, worthy of Southern patronage, and they are succeeding admirably.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE, is increasing rapidly in interest, and, we are gratified to learn, also in patronage, since the gifted Editress has taken a regular department in that valuable journal. Long may it flourish, and great may be its influence in the noble cause of Temperance!

THE SOUTHERN PLANTER, Richmond, Va., has been enlarged and otherwise improved. It is an excellent agricultural paper, and its matter is well suited to an extensive portion of our own State. Success to its efforts to do good and to its pecuniary operations.

THE AMERICAN FARMER, excellent ever since we have known it, is improving all the time. It deserves, and we hope will gain a wide circulation among us.

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST, New York, is a very valuable agricultural journal, published weekly and monthly, and has recently been greatly improved. No one can ever regret subscribing and paying his money for it.

THE WORKING FARMER, also published at

New York, is a very able scientific as well as practical work, which every agriculturist ought to take and read.

THE NEW ENGLAND FARMER, Boston, is an old and well established work, of general interest and value.

THE HOMESTEAD, Hartford, is a valuable work, lately much improved.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, Albany, N. Y., is one of the neatest, and most spirited weekly agricultural journals published in the country.

THE SOUTHERN CULTIVATOR, Augusta, Geo., is a very able and valuable monthly, devoted to agriculture in the South, and is peculiarly suited to the latitude of North Carolina. We hope our people will cultivate its acquaintance.

THE LITTLE PILGRIM, edited by Grace Greenwood, Philadelphia, at 50 cents a year, is well adapted to the taste and wants of children, and ought to be every where circulated among them.

THE RALEIGH REGISTER, has changed hands, and is much improved by Mr. Syme, its present worthy proprietor. We wish him pecuniary success. Of course, we say nothing of politics.

THE N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, a valuable and able home religious journal, we are glad to learn, is constantly on the increase.

FARMING IN WINTER.

What shall a farmer, as a farmer, do in the winter? He has much to do in the winter peculiar to his profession—in his house, in his barn, in the woods, and at market. There is no need of his being idle. He has a great deal to do for the promotion of his interest. In the first place, if the rigors of the season drive him in doors let him think himself a lucky man; for it is to the family that his most important duties are due. Has he a wife and children? Let him make the first his companion, friend and equal; and let him devote his thoughts and labors for the instruction and improvement of his children. See that they are well and tidily clad. See that they go to school, and are furnished with suitable books. See that their winter evenings are employed in useful reading and study, with innocent amusement intermixed rather than in visiting the haunts of dissipation and ruin. Let the winter be devoted to the duties of his fireside, and the calls of social intercourse.

Having every thing in order in the house, both as it respects the physical, moral and intellectual wants of his family, let his next attention be devoted to the domestic animals of the barn and fold.