Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

In pursuance to the Constitution of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, the executive committee of said society met in Harrisburg on Thursday, the 27th day of February, 1851.

Members present—Frederick Watts, Joseph R. Chandler, Algernon S. Roberts, P. S. Savery, Abraham McIlvaine, Col. Henry Pleasants, A. O. Hiveley, Dr. Alfred L. Elwin, John Evans, Dr. John Irwin, David mantle, jr., Hon. William Jessup, Peter McCown, J. S. Haldeman, Isaac G. M'Kinley.

On motion, the Hon. WM. JESSUP was called to the chair.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Col. Henry Shubert, John Evans and Finlay M'Cown, was appointed, to report it at a future day, on the subject of a model farm.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 22d, 23d and 24th days of October next, be fixed as the time for the first annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society; the first day to be appropriated to the judges for the examination of all animals and products presented for competition: the second day to the public exhibition, and the third to a ploughing match, and judgment thereupon.

On motion, the committee on the first annual exhibition had leave to report at a future day on the subject of premiums and regulations by which the public exhibition shall be governed, and as to the place where it shall be held.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That each of the members of the executive committee of this society be and he is hereby authorized to receive from such individuals who desire to become members, the sum of five dollars, and forward the same to the treasurer of the society, with the name and address of each person, who shall thus become a member of the society, subject to the payment of one dollar annually, or upon the payment of twenty dollars members for life.

The committee, consisting of Frederick Watts, and J. R. Ingersoll, appointed to prepare an address to the people of Pennsylvania, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted by the executive committee:

To the People of Pennsylvania.

That business of life which directly concerns the attention of three-fourths of mankind and intimately concerns all, demands the active influence of every conscientious man. There is no art or science in the whole circle of human knowledge, which presents for exploration, so expansive and enlightening a field as that of practical agriculture, nor one which more immediately sheds have been as little infused into the ordinary stock of knowledge of those who are actually engaged in the useful and universal operation. The farmer knows the quality of his own land, but he does not think and sufficiently reason why they be ploughs it; and the latter is quite often ignorant of the very principles which know how to plough *well*. That manure will enrich the soil is a fact; but to know what is the new and appropriate, or how it contributes to the growth of plants, is that kind of knowledge which is only evinced in the fact itself. The mere growth of plants were to some extent infused into his daily observations and researches, his vigorous and active mind would strike out some new path in his own pursuit, leading to that profitable result which can only be attained and reached upon, when it can be traced to the blended influence of theoretical reason and practical experience.

The appeal which we now make to those who are engaged in the business of agriculture, and to all who appreciate its importance, is not that you shall for a moment relax even a portion of your energies of active life to which you are accustomed, and which, proverbially you pursue with an much industry; but that each of you to delve, through the medium of books, and laboratories, into the mysteries of agricultural science; and that you will carefully put to unite with us, in the effort now being made, to establish and cherish that which may be justly denominated the people by which the farmer may be made to keep pace with the rest of mankind in that march of improvement, which this age has been so prolific.

A fertile soil requires, because of the influence they have exercised, and common-sense benefits they have bestowed on every community where they exist, commend themselves to universal approbation; the light which they have shed, and their capacity for disseminating it, seem to point them out as the only active agency by which the business of the farmer shall be so cared for, that he may derive all the advantages which shall be developed by time and experience. Let no man wrap himself up in the selfish security of his own knowledge, or console himself with the reflection, that his influence would not be felt, but rather let him cheerfully step forth, with the determined purpose, zealously to aid in the prosecution of a work which promises so much practical usefulness.

The late convention which assembled at Harrisburg, has taken the initiatory measures for the establishment of the "Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society;" its constitution has been adopted, and its officers elected. Upon those officers as an executive committee, the duty is devolved to "keep safe the general charge of the affairs of the society as may best promote its interests." It is in this capacity that we now call upon you to unite in the subject, and ask you to unite and co-operate with us in the measures which have been adopted to insure a successful issue.

FREDK. WATTS,
JOS. R. INGERSOLL.
By order of the Executive Committee.
ROBERT C. WALKER, *Secretary.*

More Light.—The Rev. Mr. Adams, of Bloomington, in Springfield, Mass., claims that having boiled potatoes, filled with mercury instead of water, by connecting the electrode according to his new electrical theory of electricity, and by constructing his connecting wires in the same way as the helices, he has succeeded to so far outstrip Mr. Paine in making gas as Mr. P. has every other who preceded him. The expose is to be made in a few days.

The Fire at Carlise.

The Carlise Volunteer, of the 13th inst. gives the following particulars of the destructive fire which occurred at that place on the morning previous:

At about a quarter past 12 o'clock, on Wednesday morning last, our citizens were again alarmed by a cry of fire, and on proceeding in the direction of the cries, we perceived the flames issuing from the stable attached to Sensel's Hotel, on an alley immediately back of North Hanover st., and where the fire is said to have originated. The wind at the time was blowing high and strong from the north west, and the flames spread with incredible rapidity. The various fire companies were soon upon the spot, but owing to their inefficient organization, and the great difficulty experienced in obtaining a timely supply of water, their efforts to check the progress of the flames were unavailing. The flames spread in an easterly direction, destroying in their progress a large number of frame dwelling houses, warehouses, stables, tenhouses, &c., until they arrested by the Lutheran church, on Bedford street, which was soon enveloped in a dense volume of flame, and every effort made to save this large building was without avail. The Rev. Solomon Dox, Zollinger, a nearly opposite the church, was next consumed and from thence the flames extended to the Rev. Mr. Kurtz's, on the corner of East High and Bedford street, owned and occupied by Mr. Joseph Heiser, which, together with a frame building adjoining, occupied by Mr. Jacob Low, was soon utterly consumed. At this point the progress of the burning flames was arrested by the fire