

land in Lanarkshire, and is distant some ten miles from Glasgow, into which many of the farmers drive milk day by day. Good butter is made on old-fashioned principles by the farmers' wives, and the district is one of the best in Lanarkshire in which to spend a holiday. Naturally, therefore, the show of Ayrshires is well worth seeing, but, unfortunately, a great deal of what is called doctoring goes on. The show management is somewhat conservative, and permits a great amount of cruelty which no other show in Scotland would tolerate. It is hoped that this may soon be remedied.

The Royal Agricultural Society have had a very successful show at Chester. This Society enjoys the patronage of the upper ten in a way that ensures its prosperity no matter almost where its show may be held. This year, at the ancient city of Chester, it has been under the presidency of the wealthiest peer in England, the Duke of Westminster, a gentleman who wears very plain clothes, and owns the larger portion of the most valuable part of the city of London, and reckons his daily income, not by hundreds, but by thousands of pounds. He is, perhaps, best known to horse people as a high-toned patron of the turf, and the owner of some of the best race horses that have been seen in England within the last twenty years. If one were meeting him on a country road he would not imagine that he was a Duke. He might be excused if he concluded that he was a respectable tradesman having an afternoon walk. On one occasion it is said that the Duke entered a picture dealer's place in London. The proprietor was absent, and the assistant who waited on the Duke, being ignorant of his identity, and judging by his clothes, took very little interest in him—was, in fact, barely civil. The Duke made one or two polite enquiries, and finally left, saying: "Well, when Mr. So-and-Socomesin begood enough to tell him that the Duke of Westminster called." We will not describe the feelings of the assistant. This year, during the show week, His Grace entertained a very fashionable company at Eaton Hall, and at the general meeting in the showyard there were present, besides the Prince of Wales and Prince Christian, the Dukes of Devonshire, and Richmond, and Gordon, a great retinue of Earls and Lords, Baronets, M. P.'s, and esquire galore. When one finds that in a large measure, as a result of such patronage, such attendances at the gates were secured as 21,000, 20,000 and 50,000, he may be pardoned for being sceptical regarding the alleged growth of democratic sentiment. The truth of the matter is, that as a rule no one is more eager to bask under the shade of royalty than the average political democrat. But to return to the show. As a general exhibition of British farming and live stock, the Chester meeting was fully up to the usual form of the Royal Agricultural Society. The outstanding features were unquestionably the Shorthorn, Welsh and Jersey cattle, and the Shropshire sheep. Horses of all breeds were equally represented—Clydesdales, Shires, Suffolks, Hackneys, Hunters, Cleveland Bays, Coaching horses and ponies, being in respect of numbers and quality all very fair representations of the proportions in which the various breeds exist in Great Britain. The three distinctive Scottish breeds of Aberdeen-Angus, Galloway and Ayrshire cattle were rather deficient in numbers, but very distinctly excelling in quality. In the dairy classes a novelty was introduced—a section in which there was a very large entry, and the results tested not by points in appearance, but by the weight and quality of the butter produced from the milk. The cows entered in this class were mostly Shorthorns and Shorthorn crosses, Jerseys and a very few Ayrshires. The cows were milked on the Sabbath evening at five o'clock, under supervision of the stewards. They were then weighed and classed A and B according to their weight, those making 1,100 pounds or more live weight being in class A, and those under that figure in class B. In actual weight of milk produced the best result was got from one of Sir Mark J. Stewart's Ayrshires, but as the prize was decided, not by milk, but by butter produced from the milk, the Ayrshires were out of the running, and all the prizes in the heavier classes went to the Shorthorns, and in the lighter classes to the Jerseys. In the class restricted to the various breeds the champion Shorthorn was the celebrated bull New Year's Gift, and the champion cow Mr. Stratton's Timbrel 23rd. An important feature of the Shorthorn exhibits was the success of Aberdeen cattle. New Year's Gift was bred by Lord Lovat in Inverness-shire. First prize three-year-old was Mr. Graham's Fairy King, a Booth bull bred by the Duke of Northumberland, and one of the best animals of his age in Great Britain. The first two-year-old bull is owned by a famous breeder, Mr. James Handley, and named Royal Harbinger. Lord Polwarth was owner of the first prize cow, Wave of Loch Leven, a nice animal whose sire was a Warlabull. The reserve champion was Mr. Robert Thompson's beautiful heifer Margaret Millicent. This is one of the best cows of the Shorthorn breed. She was a very close second to Mr. Stratton's Timbrel 23rd for the supreme honor. Several grand Herefords were exhibited, but the classes, except that for yearling heifer, were not large. Similar remarks apply to the Devons and Suffex. The Welsh cattle have undoubtedly through this show made an advance in popular favor. A gentleman bearing the distinctly Welsh name of Lord Harlech showed some grand cattle, and is a noble leader for the men of Harlech. The best cows were shown by Col. Henry Platt, whose

place in Carnarvonshire we hardly know how to spell, and do not profess to be able to pronounce. The famous Red Polled cattle from Norfolk form a good show, and the feature of the Aberdeen-Angus section is the success of Ballindalloch animals and Ballindalloch breed. This wonderful breed of cattle is going forward conquering and to conquer. The exhibits came from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and the show was one of which the breeders have every cause to be proud. The most successful exhibitors of Galloways were Mr. Leonard Pilkington and Mr. Cunningham, of Tarrbreoch. Mr. Pilkington and Sir Mark J. Stewart were the only exhibitors of Ayrshires. Jerseys were in the hands of such men as Lord Rothschild, so that whatever money can do will certainly be done for them.

It is customary to say all manner of evil falsely regarding the exhibition of Clydesdales at the Royal. The prophets of evil have, however, been hopelessly out of their reckoning regarding the show of 1893. The tale was circulated on Saturday evening that there would not be above three or four in any of the classes. "A poor show" was the sapient observation. The appearance of the yard on Monday morning, however, completely belied this croaking. Not since Windsor—and before that date, not since Newcastle in 1887, or York in 1883—has there been so good a show of Clydesdales at the Royal as there is in 1893. The entries are fairly numerous; there are not more than two empty stalls in any class, in one or two cases there is but one, and in the majority of cases there are none. The judges appointed were Messrs. John M. Martin, Auchendennan, and Andrew Ralston, Glamis; but we regret to announce that Mr. Ralston was laid aside by illness, and his place was taken by Mr. John Kerr, Redhall, Wigton, Cumberland, a well-known judge in the north of England. He likes a strong animal; and, on the whole, the preference all through the classes was given to such. The class, the awards in which gave rise to considerable discussion, was that of two-year-old fillies. We confess that it was not easy to follow the line taken by the judges, but they certainly gave very good reasons for their action, and were not to be moved from their positions. That being so, there is little use in canvassing the question. There was certainly no favoritism to individuals, and in most cases the method of placing of the stock could be very fairly defended. The veterinary examination, as usual, gave the Clydesdales an uncommonly good bill of health, and we did not learn that any had been disqualified by the vets. Every horse entered in the first class for three-year-old stallions appeared. A short list was sent to the vets., consisting of the two sons of Macgregor, The MacVinnie (9318), and The MacHugh (9597), the Rosehaugh colt Prince Albert of Rosehaugh, and last year's winner, Sir Harry (9411), from Edengrove. The Rosehaugh horse has grown well, and is a big, handsome animal, with really good action. As will be remembered, he was got by Prince of Albion, out of the well-bred mare Alice Grey, bred by Mr. Waddell, of Inch, and got by Springhill Darnley, out of the well-known big mare Blossom, by Prince of Wales, that was first at Glasgow in 1883, beating the Auchendennan fillies, Alice Lee and Dina Vernon. Mr. Fletcher's horse was greatly admired last year at Inverness, where he was third, and many a year he would have been a good first at the Royal. Sir Harry is a very evenly built horse, with sweetly turned top and beautiful hind legs. His fore feet are perhaps just a trifle flat, but he moves very well, and was a favorite. He is growing well, and Mr. Graham had very good reason to expect that he would not be far away when the first ticket was handed out. MacHugh stood second at Kilmarnock to Belvidere, and is owned by Mr. Andrew Montgomery. He is the Dalbeattie premium horse, and has capital fore feet and legs, grand short fore arms well-filled with muscle, and a right good back and well-sprung ribs. His hind legs are not as well formed as his fore legs, and his color is a little light. His breeder was Mr. J. Grierson, Stockerton, and he is quite a first-class horse. The MacVinnie, in the opinion of some very good judges, was the best horse in the class. He is owned by Mr. Smith, Blaen Point, Chester, who showed some very fine stock. The MacVinnie was bred by Mr. McCartney, Portmarty, and was first at Dalbeattie when a yearling. He has grand fore legs and feet, a well-turned top, and is a good mover. He is, perhaps, rather light in his thighs, but there is no doubt that he is a first-rate horse. The MacHugh was put first, Sir Harry second, the MacVinnie third, and Prince Albert of Rosehaugh fourth. In the class for two-year-olds there were but three entries, and all were forward. The vets. passed the lot, and the winner was certainly not difficult to find. Montrave Kenneth, owned by Mr. Smith. He is a magnificent, big, strong horse, with broad, big, heavy flat bones and good feet. Possibly he is rather coarser in the head than one would like, but his match in many other points is more easily thought about than found. He was bred by Mr. Gilmore, and got by Prince of Albion, out of Keepsake, own sister to Newtonaids. Last year he was first when a yearling at Dalbeattie, and Englishmen should fancy him and think Mr. Smith did well to introduce such a horse into Cheshire. Lord Polwarth was second with Knight of the Garter, a useful, well-balanced kind of horse, bred by Mr. M. Craig Lusk, and got by Knight of Lothian. The Lords Cecil were third with Curfew, by Claymore. There was but one absentee from among

the six entered in the yearling class, and all the five came back from the vets. but one. If we were going to quarrel with the judges it would be for the awards in this class. No doubt the first horse, Mr. Pilkington's Royal Standard, formerly known as The Royal Link, and winner of first at Aberdeen, Kilmarnock and Ayr, is a splendid, big, powerful horse, and for weight and substance far surpassed his opponents. Looking to his past career in strong competition it is not easy to displace him, but yet a fairly good case can be made out for the view that the second or third are to be preferred. The second, Mr. William Park's third Glasgow, Prince of Brunstane, is a beautifully balanced, sweet colt—being a late foal, he is, of course, back in size, but is a really good kind. The third, however, is a beauty. He is owned by Mr. T. Smith, Blaen Point, and is one of last year's Montrave foals. He is named Montrave President, and was never shown before. He is out of Primrose, and is therefore own brother to Mr. Wm. Taylor's colt and Mr. Douglas Fletcher's first H. and A. S. filly, Montrave Primula. His feet and pasterns are faultless, and he is another Rosemount, only of a far better color. The remaining colt of the four was Lord Polwarth's well-built, closely-coupled colt, Border Knight, bred by himself and got by Knight of Lothian. The order was—Mr. Pilkington's Royalist colt, Royal Standard, first; Prince of Brunstane, second; Montrave President, third; and Border Knight, fourth. The female classes were better than the male classes. There were eight entries and six exhibits in the brood mare class. All six were useful, sound mares, and we have known a mare of less merit than the last of them win at the Royal. On the whole, although something is to be said for a different method of placing them, the awards were generally corroborated. Messrs. Percival, Burgh by Sands, were first with their well-known, big, prize mare, Flash Girl, by Flashwood. She was first last year at the leading Cumberland shows, and is a great handsome mare. She was got by Flashwood, and certainly does him no discredit. Mr. Thomas Smith got second and fourth prizes with two really nice mares. His second was the Prince of Wales mare Matilda, which stood first at Dalbeattie as a two-year-old filly. Her breeder was Mr. George M. Laws, Inchney, by Airdrie, who never grudges to use a good horse. She has a foal at foot by Macgregor. Mr. Smith's fourth mare, Lady Peggy, by Master of Blantyre, was not far off being the best in the class. She was bred by Mr. McQueen, of Crofts, and got by Master of Blantyre. Her feet and limbs can simply not be beaten; and she is sure to be further heard of. Last year she beat a strong contingent of Shires and Clydesdales at the Yorkshire, and is quite like repeating the performance. Lords A. and L. Cecil made a first-class third with their well-known mare Cynthia, the reserve champion last year, and winner of numerous prizes in the south of England. Amongst the three-year-old fillies there were several first-class animals shown. Mr. Pilkington's invincible Queen of the Roses was first. She has cleaned greatly since Kilmarnock, and is at present as formidable a competitor as any one need to encounter. Next to her was placed a new comer—at least to most of our readers an unknown mare—Mr. Thomas Smith's Crosby Queen. Mr. Brockbank bred many good Clydesdales in his time; we venture to doubt whether he ever bred a better than this. Her present owner is Mr. Thomas Smith, Blaen Point, and we somewhat incline to the belief that amongst mares of her age she would be rather a hard nut to crack. She is well-set on at the ground, and is an uncommonly good mover. She was bought at Mr. Foster's sale by Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Foster bought her at Mr. Brockbank's sale. Her sire was Lothian King, and we rather think she is the best seen amongst his progeny. The Lords A. and L. Cecil were third with the Lord Ailsa filly, Pride of Auchintoshan, looking fairly well, and Mr. Graham, of Edengrove, was fourth and highly commended with a second Crosby filly, Crosby Jewel. This is a level, thick, short-legged, breeding-like mare. Her action lacks the abandon of the second prize winner, but as a typical breeding mare she has merits all her own. Her sire was The Claimant, and her dam the high-priced Challenger mare Jewel of Parkhead. Once more a class—that of two-year-old fillies—contained eight entries. All of them appeared but one, the absentee being Mr. Pilkington's Rival Belle—a sweet filly which won at Moffat Show last year. The awards in this class were variously viewed, chiefly because of the fact that Mr. Douglas Fletcher's Montrave Marietta, which stood so well in last year at Inverness, was left out altogether, with Sir Mark J. Stewart's filly Merry Maggie, which can hardly be beaten when viewed standing; but her action is so defective that it is a sore puzzle to know what to do with her. Mr. Graham was first with his well-known Macgregor filly Royal Rose, a choice mare with excellent feet and pasterns. She is found fault with as having weak hind legs, and a deficiency in strength of thighs, but she seemed rightly enough placed first. Mr. J. Douglas Fletcher was second with a very massive, powerful filly, Alma, by Cairnbrogie Stamp, out of the dam of Prince Albert of Rosehaugh. She has grand feet and pasterns, and moves fairly well, although rather wide in front. Lord Polwarth was third with Miss Daisy, a well-known prize winner got by Knight of Lothian, and Mr. Smith was fourth with Francesca, another daughter of the same horse, bred by Mr. Gifford, Ingliston. She is