

American Southdown Association.

The annual meeting of the American Southdown Association was recently held in the Illinois National Bank, Springfield, Ill., President J. H. Potts presiding.

The reports of officers show the Association in good working order, and it was the expressed intention of the members to forward the interests of the Southdowns by every possible means. To this end the offering of liberal prizes at the World's Columbian Fair will probably be made.

The additions to membership during the year are:—Walter A. Wood, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; H. D. Libby, Oakland, Maine; D. C. Graham, Cameron, Ill.; H. Simenton & Sons, Black Heath, Ont., Can.; Robert Shaw & Sons, Renton Station, Ont., Can.; Peter Metler, North Pelham, Ont., Can.; Wm. A. McCoy, Mercer, Penn.; L. H. Benjamin, Haskinville, N. Y.; J. M. Peck, Hornellsville, N. Y.; John Miller, Markham, Ont., Can.; John A. Irion, Gallipolis, Ohio; A. M. Kent, Jamestown, N. Y.; D. W. Evans, Venedosia, Ohio. The deaths among members since last meeting were:—W. A. Wood, East Smithfield, Penn.; N. R. Bontelle, M. D., Waterville, Me., and Phil. M. Springer, Springfield, Ill. Messrs. D. W. Smith, C. F. Mills and S. E. Prather were appointed a committee to present resolutions on the loss of these coworkers, and on account of the especial loss sustained by the Association in the death of Phil. M. Springer, the secretary was directed to set apart one page in Volume IV. of the record in memoriam of him. Messrs. J. H. Potts, Jacksonville, Ill.; T. W. Harvey, Chicago, Ill., and G. J. Hagerty, Hanover, Ohio, were re-elected members of the board of directors, and Frank K. Springer was elected to the board to fill the unexpired term of Phil. M. Springer, deceased. Messrs. J. H. Potts, as President, S. E. Prather, as Secretary, and D. W. Smith, as Treasurer, were re-elected for the ensuing year. In accordance with previous action, the awarding of the following prizes offered by the Association was approved: At the Detroit International Fair, Detroit, Mich., 1890, to John Jackson & Sons, Abingdon, Ont., Can., for pen of recorded Southdowns, ram and two ewes, a silver cup valued at \$30; and for recorded Southdown ram and ewe, a silver medal each. At the Sangamon Fair, Springfield, Ill., 1890, to J. H. Potts & Son, Jacksonville, Ill., for pen of recorded Southdowns, ram and two ewes, a silver cup valued at \$30, and for recorded Southdown ewe, a silver medal; and to S. E. Prather, Springfield, Ill., for recorded Southdown ram, a silver medal. At the American Fat Stock Show, Chicago, Ill., 1890, to J. H. Pott & Son, for Southdown wether, sire and dam recorded, a silver cup valued at \$50. The secretary placed before the Association the correspondence had in regard to the registry of Southdowns, pure and in or imported from Great Britain. The matter was, after discussion, referred to a committee for future action, it being the disposition of the Association to encourage the importation and registry of purely bred animals for the improvement of American flocks, as opposed to the indiscriminate registry of animals, and the distinction in their favor than those bred in Great Britain.

At a previous meeting of the board of directors the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved,—That to the end there may be, without further delay, some recognized authority in England in matters of pedigree in Southdown sheep, we will for the time recognize as such authority any three of the leading breeders who will agree to act as a committee of examination, and will pass upon the pedigrees we may from time to time submit for their inspection; and that all animals whose pedigrees have thus been passed upon and found correct shall be eligible to registry in the American Southdown Record at the same rates charged for American bred animals, upon receipt of the pedigrees properly certified by the examining committee in England.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Henry Webb, Strutly Hall, Cambridgeshire, England, enclosing to him a copy of the foregoing resolution, and request him to act as chairman of the committee therein suggested, associating with himself any two of the leading breeders he may think best for the accomplishment of the object had in view.

Mr. Webb has replied to the above resolution stating his willingness to comply with their wishes, and has requested Mr. Geo. Jonas to assist him in the work. This action we hope will meet the wishes of Canadian breeders who will doubtless record their Southdowns in the American Record.

Our Scottish Letter.

The month of May is always a busy one here with exhibitions of all classes of stock, and the shows of Clydesdales this season, at Glasgow, Hamilton and Dumbarton, have brought out almost all the best we have here to show. For mares at Glasgow, Mr. Sinclair Scott, the Vice-President of the Clydesdale Horse Society, secured all but two of the principal honors. He was first with his fine brood mare, Scottish Marchioness, first with his yeld mare, Scottish Rose, and first with his three-year-old mare, Scottish Snowdrop. The last was also the champion female of the show, her chief opponent being the first prize two-year old filly, Lady Louisa, owned by Mr. John Watson, of Earnock, out of a Darnley mare, and also like her, up to this date, unbeaten. The first prize yearling filly was Mr. Lausden's Balmedie Enchantress, which was also first at Kilmarnock, so that of the first prize winners in all five classes, one, Scottish Rose, was by Darnley; two, Scottish Snowdrop and Lady Louisa, were out of Darnley mares, and two, Scottish Marchioness and the Balmedie filly, were by sons of Darnley. This, however, did not complete the tale of victory achieved by the Darnley line. The first prize yearling colt, owned by Mr. Geo. Alston, was by Prince of Kyle, out of the celebrated prize mare, Vanora, by Darnley, and the first prize two-year-old colt, Prince Alexander, the champion male Clydesdale here as well as at Dundee last year, was by Prince of Wales, out of the prize mare, Jeanie Black, by Darnley. The only first prize winner at the show not closely related to Darnley was the three year old gelding, Williamwood, owned by Mr. Peter Crawford, which was also first at Ayr. He was got by what is now your Canadian horse, Scotland, and an uncommonly good horse he is.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Glasgow Show was the family group competitions, and this interest was increased by the fact that the competing sires are living and breeding. No fewer than four groups of five yearlings each appeared in the arena, representing Lord Ailsa, Prince Gallant, Sir Everard and Flashwood. Of these it is noteworthy that Sir Everard and Prince Gallant are by Top Gallant; Flashwood is by Darnley, and own brother to the well-known Macgregor, and Lord Ailsa is one of the best of the sons of Lord Erskine. There was no disputing the right of Flashwood to first place, and there is no question at all about his popularity this season. It is an open question, with a strong balance to an affirmative answer, whether he be not the best Clydesdale stallion of the century. His progeny have a strong family likeness, and are marked by uniform excellence of a high order. Sir Everard was second with the first group of five yearlings, got by a Glasgow premium horse that has ever successfully entered in this competition. There were four strong, useful colts, two of which had been third and fourth in their class, and one filly in his group, while Flashwood's group consisted of four fillies, three of which had been second, third and sixth in their class, and one colt. Prince Gallant was third. His group was not as strong as it might have been, Mr. Park's yearling colt, that was first at Kilmarnock, Maryhill and Rothesay, and Mrs. Lamont's filly, out of the dam of Sir Everard, that was first at Rothesay, being absent. The best in the group as it appeared was Mr. Love's colt that was second in his class at Glasgow, and occupied third place at Kilmarnock. The competitors in the class for the best group of five two-year-olds were Lord Erskine, Duke King and Lord Ailsa, and the old horse, Lord Erskine, was first, with his son, Lord Ailsa, second, and the Duke King third.

The Bute County Show, held at Rothesay on 5th May, the Lanark County Show, held at Hamilton on 15th May, and the Dumbarton County Show, held at Alexandria on 16th May were all good exhibitions, in which were found superior representatives of the breed. All the first prize winners at the first named show were above the average. The first two-year-old colt was the celebrated Rosemont, owned by Messrs. McAlister, and got by Prince of Albion, out of Rosebud, the dam of Moss Rose. He was second this season both at Glasgow spring and summer shows, and at Kilmarnock, and is rapidly improving and growing into a superior horse. He was also awarded the cup at Rothesay as the best Clydesdale of either age or sex exhibited. The first prize yearling colt at Rothesay was Mr. Walter S. Park's colt, by Prince Gallant, out of the dam of Lord Erskine, that was first at Kilmarnock and Maryhill, and second at Ayr. He was purchased by Mrs. Simpson for £1,300, to compete with Rosemont, which, however, as we have seen, beat him. The first prize brood mare, Kathleen, owned by the gentlemen who own Rosemont, is a useful, short-legged, breeding-like mare, got by Gilderoy 1438. The first prize yeld mare, she is a particularly good mare, got by the celebrated Sanquhar, and winner of many prizes. She is owned by Mr. Daniel MacIntyre, Dumbarton, Rothesay, and is so good that she was kept by the judges for a long time as a competitor with the two colts for the championship. A better mare is not too easily found. The first