

a boy, was directed to bid for the calf. As competition became keen, and the bids rose rapidly, there was quite a sensation round the ring. Mr. Baxter spurred on the boy, whispering, "Bid again, Peter," while his father remonstratingly cried, "Whist; stop, Peter." "Bid again, Peter," repeated Mr. Baxter, and The Challenge Cup was knocked down at 100 gs. Unfortunately, his impress on the herd was not equivalent to his high purchase bill. Foot-and-mouth disease having broken out in the county, the public sales at Sittyton were discontinued, and the next bull, British Prince (23470), was bought by private bargain. He did very well indeed, and became a well-known prize-winning bull.

Throughout its history the herd has

been headed by Sittyton bulls or the sons of Sittyton sires, a few of the latter home-bred. Included in the long list are:—John Bright (31441), a home-bred bull; Socrates (39144); Heir Apparent (31352), by Heir of Englishman (24122), the great Uppermill stock bull of Sittyton breeding; Vulcan (42567), bred at Shethin, a bull for which Mr. Bruce did not at first care, and regretted selling too soon; and Statesman (45659), bred by Mr. Baxter from a cow by British Prince, and after the Sittyton bull Socrates. He left a lot of good cows. There was also Stockwell (56615), one of the best bulls ever used in the herd, bred by Mr. Edward Cruickshank, after the Sittyton bull Lanchester (46594). He was the sire of some very good animals, among

them the home-bred Seneca (63346), a Highland Society prize-winner. Red Gauntlet (54902) also did much for the herd, and Sittyton Yet (61833), by Cumberland (46144) used for eight seasons at Sittyton, left a lot of big, fleshy cows. Sittyton Yet was the last calf calved at Sittyton, so that there came to Heatherwick the first calf sold from Sittyton Chancellor, the last calf born there, Sittyton Yet, and the first Sittyton calf, which sold at 100 gs., The Challenge Cup. In 1857 Mayflower VII., a two-year-old heifer, was bought from Mr. Morrison of Mountblairy, and from her has been bred the Heatherwick Mayflowers, one of the oldest and best tribes in the herd. The Heatherwick Mauds are a second branch of this family. The Mountblairy Mayflowers

trace back to a Ury foundation, and every present day representative of the original family is now in the Heatherwick herd or traces to it.

By this time both George and Peter Bruce were taking a practical interest in the herd founded by their father, and a few years later, when Peter entered the farm of Myreton, Inch, George took over Heatherwick, which had some time previous become the property of the Earl of Kintore. Several additions of cultivated land had been made, tracts of barren moor brought under cultivation, and the rent had been raised gradually to £460, but after the lapse of a few years Mr. Bruce succeeded in securing a substantial and much-needed reduction, in addition to necessary improvements on the steading. In George Bruce's hands the herd prospered, and when, in 1896, he held a draft sale, 70 head were sold, every one of which had been bred on the farm. The highest price of the sale was 82 gs. for the cow Wallflower II., by the Cruickshank bull Royal James (54972), and the gross average, £35 5s 8d, was then considered a very high one. In reporting the sale of that week, the local newspapers said the prices were unprecedented in the North, and that the week's sales would form an interesting chapter in the history of Aberdeenshire Shorthorns. In ten years the gross average for the Shorthorn week's sales had risen from £41 5s 7½d (1896) to £100 19s 3d (1906). A number of the nicest heifers and heifer calves sold by Mr. Bruce in 1896 were by the Duglass-bred bull Beau Ideal (63685), by the Sittyton bull Chamberlain (60461). Since that time there have been used Prince of Archer (71240), bred at Collynie, and got by Scottish Archer (59893); dam, Primrose III., which was used for seven seasons, and did much good in the herd; Golden Hope (74634), and Goldie's Pride (76803), both bred at Uppermill, and Winning Hope (80283), bred at Heatherwick, and by Golden Hope. Winning Hope was used for five seasons with excellent results, and was recently bought by Mr. J. Deane Willis for his herd at Bapton Manor. The present stock bull, First Fiddle (83480), is a Collynie-bred bull by Rosicrucian (75483), bred by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, his dam being First Strawberry, by First Choice (58950). First Fiddle has been used for several seasons, and has given every satisfaction. He gained the champion cup at Inverurie last year, and has been a prize-winner at Aberdeen.

Showing has never been largely gone in for, the cattle having been exhibited only at the local show at Inverurie, and occasionally at Aberdeen, but many of them have given good accounts of themselves, and done credit to their breeder, after having passed into other hands. Prince Sunbeam, the champion Shorthorn bull at Toronto in 1904, was bred at Heatherwick, and to Mr. Bruce really belongs the honor of having been the breeder of Mr. Ross's of Meikle Tarrel, famous Ringleader (67736), although he had sold his dam to Collynie before she had given birth to the bull which sired such a number of fat stock winners. Stock by Ringleader at Smithfield Christmas Show in 1898 gained six first prizes, and three champion cups for best Shorthorn, best cross, and best steer of any breed. Mr. Ross's Ajax (80320), champion of all breeds at Inverness in 1905, was bred by Mr. Robert Bruce from Augusta LXXXVII., by Sittyton Archer (73659), and the dams of two winners and the sire of one winner of the Chaloner Cup at Dublin were bred at Heatherwick. Mr. Miller's Linksfield Champion, winner of the Chaloner Cup and first at the Royal at Derby, was also got by a Heatherwick bull.

At the present time the herd numbers about 90 head, and in it are representatives of the Beas, Mayflowers, Rosalies, Sittyton Clippers, Dairymaids, and Nonparils, Augustas, Cairns, etc. At the Aberdeen joint sale in October, Mr. Bruce's Radeff, the First Fiddle, out of the cow VIII., sold at 210 gs., the highest price of the day for a bull calf. Mr. Robert Bruce continues to work the herd, and is followed by his father and the system of line-breeding. The system is acknowledged to be one of the best for butcher purposes, and which fall below breeding.

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