

tiful quality, with a head perfect in profile, but somewhat slender and effeminate as seen in front.

Among the bull calves there was less difficulty in separating the few best from the ruck. The 1st prize has gone easily to a large massive and symmetrical calf, as large as a yearling, belonging to Mr. Fawkes, of Otley, and own brother to the 1st prize bull in the older class.—The 2d prize was taken by Sir A. De Rothschild, with a remarkably straight somewhat small dark roan of great merit; and the reserved number is won by Mr. G. Garue, of Sarsden, with his Plymouth Candidate, a dark roan of great substance and first-rate quality.

The Cows are a class of extraordinary merit, of great size, massive and symmetrical; all of them deserving prizes, but most of them are fat. Mr. Stratton's *Diadem* and Mr. Sharpe's *Elegant*, which were 1st and 2d in the extraordinary cow class at Hereford, are here 2d and 3rd respectively, being both beaten by a cow of wonderfully perfect form, *Corinne*, shown by Mr. Wood, of Stanwick Park, Durham. Lady Pigot shows a white cow bred by Col. Towneley, rather light in her hind-quarters, and somewhat tucked up in the middle. Mr. Stratton shows two cows—*Maid of Honor*, a very deep and well made roan cow, with massive hind-quarters, and *Diadem*, just calved, but in extraordinary condition, which is the better formed of the two. Then there is Mr. Logan's extraordinarily heavy and fat cow, out of all reason fat and heavy for a breeding animal.

A small but very beautiful class of Heifers contended in the younger class. Mr. Booth, Mr. Stratton, Lady Pigot, Earl St. Germans, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Sharpe showed good specimens. Mr. Booth stands 1st easily with a remarkably massive, deep, and wide Heifer, Garland, of great length, plenty of hair, and every sign of health and vigor. The dam, Lady Blyth, is just eight years old, and has already dropped six heifers and a bull, all alive and doing well now, and all except the first by Lord of the Valley. She had three calves in 1864, and will calve again before the end of the year. The 2d prize goes to Mr. Logan's *Charlotte 4th*, another large and massive roan, hardly so straight or so long, or so deep and massive in the hind quarters. The 3rd prize goes to a red roan heifer shown by Lady Pigot, smaller than some of the others, hardly so good, at either end as those placed above it.

In the Calf class, 1st prize goes to Mr. Pawlett for Charmer 8th, a thick and wide and deep calf, of beautiful symmetry, and Sir A. Rothschild takes the 2d prize with Little Cherry, showing admirable quality, perfect straightness of back, in this respect somewhat the

superior of Charmer, and first-rate hind-quarters.

The Hereford Classes are good, both as regards quality and number, considering their distance from home. Among the old bulls, Mr. Baldwin's Battersea has lost the rank which he has hitherto held. He is a remarkably long well-made animal, getting rather thin in his thigh and loose in his flesh; but as grand all along his back and as thickly covered on rib and loin as ever. It has no doubt been against him that he has been constantly shown at five or six meetings every year, ever since his first success at Battersea three years ago. He is thus beaten now by Mr. Marsh Read's Peremptory, a more massive, and perhaps more masculine looking and grander animal, with firmer touch; but not so evenly covered, or presenting so true a surface over back and side. And also by Mr. Holling's Chieftain 2nd, which was 1st in his class at Hereford, but is getting somewhat coarse and patchy.

The Cows are a rather uneven class. Mr. Baldwin's 1st prize, Duchess of Bedford, 2d, is rather small, but of good quality; she girths 7 ft., 4 in.—a pretty little cow.

The Heifers are a good class. Mr. Baldwin's 1st prize, Miss Hastings 2d, somewhat coarse over the hip, has a beautifully sprung rib, and wonderfully fine bosom. General Hood here shows a good heifer of light red color, and good over loin and flank. The 2d prize goes to Mr. G. Pitt, for a very large and well made cow with calf at her foot.

The Yearling Heifer Class is numerous and good.

The Devons are of course both numerous and good. Taking the classes which compete for the local as well as the national prizes together, a better illustration of the breed was never before given. We have its capabilities both as to size and quality sufficiently displayed. The class of Older Bulls includes nine animals. The 1st is shown by Lord Clinton, a great massive beast with drooping rump. Mr. Clark's Conqueror (Mavagissey) is a straight and even-backed well-made bull, Major-General Hood's Crown Prince is of great length, and very evenly covered. Mr. A. Smith's Constitution, with good back and evenly covered symmetrical frame and masculine look, is 3rd in his class.

The younger bulls are a nobler class. The first prize goes to Viscount Falmouth for Sunflower, a dark red bull, true and even from end to end, true and straight both above and below, and well covered everywhere.

The Yearling Bulls are another first rate class, including about a dozen animals. Mr. Turner, of Beacon Downes,

Exeter, is 1st and 2nd with two young bulls of admirable quality, straight and true everywhere, with remarkably good hind quarters.

We come now to the Female Classes. Mr. Davy takes the 1st prize in cows with a somewhat patchy but large cow, deep and heavy in her hind quarters.—Mr. W. Taylor, of Harpree Court, Somerset, is 2 with a great beauty, perhaps somewhat defective in the depth of quarters which a good cow should exhibit.

Among the Heifers in Calf or in Milk General Hood is again 1st with a remarkably straight, round, long-bodied heifer; and Mr. Quartly takes the 2d prize with a straight deep heifer, especially good forwards.

The Yearling Heifer Class is remarkably good and strong. Mr. Davy is 1st with a thick and fleshy well topped heifer, coming very near the alleged model of perfection as regards her body, viz: a brick with the corners rounded.

The SUSSEX CLASSES are very scantily filled.

THE CHANNEL ISLAND breed is uncommonly well represented. The very dark and somewhat small Guernsey seems to be preferred.

The SOUTH HAMPS cattle, for which prizes were offered by the local committee, are large and coarse red beasts, not unlike the Sussex.

THE HORSES.

Excepting one or two of the agricultural classes, the horses are the poorest show the Society has ever witnessed.—There is but one in the class of thorough bred stallions for getting thorough-bred stock, for which £125 are offered in prizes—MOTLEY, by Touchstone, out of Lauercost mare, a dark brown handsome 14-year old. Of stallions for getting hunters there are five—not a good class—with seven brood mares. There are only three shown as hackneys, and the pony classes are very poorly filled.

Then come the agricultural classes. Stallions over 2½ years old, 16 very fair animals. The Duke of Beaufort takes the 1st prize with a Clydesdale of extraordinary power and substance, which has been often successful before.

We have prizes offered for classes of agricultural horses not Clydesdales or Suffolks, adapted for a hilly district; and Mr. Henderson, of South Shields, takes the 1st prize with a short stocky bay horse in a very pretty class.

SHEEP.

The SHEEP classes are the best filled of any in the yard.

LEICESTERS.—Colonel Inges' 8 shearlings occupy the first place. They are of first rate quality, carrying finer wool than their neighbors, standing in the corners of a rectangle with hind and fore