

T. A., of Edinburgh, had taken his station with a daguerreotype apparatus, and before the company was admitted, many of the chief features of the show had been sun-painted on his glass plates.— Mr. Steel is, we believe, employed by the Society to paint a picture 13 feet by 6, illustrative and commemorative of this Show, which will be afterwards engraved for general circulation.— Most of the leading members of the Society will be grouped in the picture, and the Mayor, in his chain of office, and Captain Mackenzie of the 42nd Highlanders, in full Highland costume, who were most prominent amid the company on each day of the show, will with other gentlemen locally connected, who took interest in the proceedings of this year, give the picture a thorough identification with this particular exhibition.

The number of entries for stock was 724.— We have no means at hand of comparison with the later shows of the Society, though we were assured on the ground that the present exhibition is not in any way inferior to those of late years. Indeed all persons with whom we conversed expressed the highest gratification at the success of the present show, and regarded it as in general of superior merit to any others of the Highland Society. As compared with the former show in this town, thirteen years ago, the advantage of the present is of course most distinctly marked; the numbers shown being now 1267 against 962. There were on Thursday about a hundred short-horns on the ground, and many of them were very superior animals. That belonging to Mr. Simson, Blanshie, and which gained the second prize of £15, was very much admired for the beautiful symmetry and true breeding which it displayed. It was, however, rather faulty in a point which is now considered of almost paramount importance, viz., a fine mellow touch.— This bull had already taken prizes at local shows, and was highly commended at the Lincoln meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The class of short-horn bulls as a whole was much admired, and the decision of the Judges was generally acquiesced in, the superiority of the prize animals being manifest. The poll breed were not numerously represented, which may be accounted for by the distance they require to be brought. The Ayrshires were considered very excellent specimens of dairy cattle; some of the cows exhibited most extraordinary milking qualities. The West Highland breed was very deficient in numbers, but those shown were considered so good as to receive the special approbation of the judges.

HORSES.

The horses were in very great number, and a high authority pronounced the opinion that while the old horses were not equal to former years, the younger animals were very much superior.

SHEEP.

The particular excellence of the show were the sheep, which were perhaps more numerous in proportion, than any other stock, and of general improved character. The Cheviots attracted very general observation for their marked im-

provement on former years. The Leicesters, although in general very good, and comprising many excellent specimens, exhibited no individuals of extraordinary merit. The Black-faced are also deserving special notice; nor should the Longwools, Southdowns, Romney March, and Dorsets, though in small numbers, be passed over, though the general high character of the exhibition forbids any details respecting them.

SWINE.

In the section of Boars of large breed some animals of extraordinary obesity and general merit were penned. The Cumberland Boar which obtained the first prize was a truly monstrous specimen of the porcine genus.

POULTRY

were inferior, and only a few specimens were worthy of a place in the show-yard.

THE EXHIBITION OF IMPLEMENTS AT WORK.

This was situated on Castle Hills farm, distant about a mile to the north-west of the town.— Here at 7 o'clock a.m., were to be found eleven ploughs harnessed to a similar number of pairs of horses. The soil was mellowed by the late rains, and neither too moist nor too dry. It was in lea, and a gentle rising ground. After the ploughs first placed had gone through sufficient work to test their capabilities, three or four others were brought forward, one of which drew considerable attention by the novelty of two rows of small digger-like wheels attached to its side for the purpose of turning up potatoes as the plough passed forward. The work performed by this plough was criticised rather freely by some farmers present, but we see that the judges, who watched its operation carefully, have thought the invention worthy of approval. The attendance of visitors, which fluctuated during the exhibition, never seemed to exceed 200 in number, and consisted generally of the agriculturists of our district. The depth to be ploughed was from 7½ to 8 inches, and the weight of the draught was particularly noticed by the judges. Considerable discussion took place amongst the general spectators as to the merits of the several ploughs, and the feeling among them seemed to be in favor of those which combined, with other qualities, simplicity of structure. A very admirable wheel plough was exhibited by Messrs. Howard, of Bedford, and it attracted greater notice than any other implement on the ground, so that up to the close of the trial it was kept in constant employment, and was attentively watched by many practical men, who seemed to take great interest in its performances, by which the prejudices of most on the ground in favor of the superiority of the Scotch plough were severely shaken. The only drawback from its complete approval arose from an apprehension that its machinery was not so simple, but that if disarranged or out of repair it would not be easily put right again. We should not omit to remark, that this plough is fitted with shifting moulds, so that it may be adapted to the land on which placed. Its draught, too, was but three to three and a half