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The Shorthorn Bull, William of Orange.

The property of Mr. Wm. Duthie, Collynie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Our Illustration.

Since the retirement from breeding, a few years ago, of the grand old man of Sittyton, the late Mr. Amos Cruickshank, the most prominent breeder of the red, white, and roans in Scotland has been Mr. William Duthie, of Collynie, Aberdeenshire, who not only secured many of the best of the Sittyton Shorthorns after the dispersion sale there, but had, for years previously, been building up his herd by buying every year from Mr. Cruickshank the best young bull in his herd, having

arranged with him that he was to have the pick one year, and Mr. W. S. Marr, Uppermill, Tarves, with whom Mr. Duthie worked in concert, the next year, and so on alternately. In this way it was not long before Mr. Duthie had a grand herd of Shorthorns bred up, which it was worth while going a long distance to see.

No animal, probably, did more to bring Mr. Duthie's name prominently before the public than that famous stock bull of his, Field Marshal (47870), a bull of wonderful substance and merit, that had the honor of

being selected by the manager of the Queen's farm at Windsor to head the royal herd, and whose stock were most successful in the show ring. His untimely death, the result of an accident, was much to be deplored.

Of the bulls in use in the Collynie herd at the present time, one that is doing splendid work is William of Orange, the subject of our illustration. This bull is now in his thirteenth year, but is as active, healthy, and vigorous as a yearling.

He was purchased from Mr. A. Cruickshank by Mr. Marr, Uppermill, and did good

service in the latter's herd till a little while ago, when Mr. Duthie secured him. To our mind, he seems somewhat too heavy in the horn, but this is partly explained by the fact that the photographer placed the bull's head nearer the camera than his body, thus giving the head too much prominence. William of Orange is the last surviving son of the famous Roan Gauntlet, and as such is much valued by Mr. Duthie. At the joint annual draft sales of Messrs. Duthie and Marr the young bulls from William of Orange invariably make some of the best averages of the different lots.