

Twenty-five or thirty acres are enclosed, and the fences, halls and sheds were constructed for the occasion. Hardly undulating enough to be called rolling, yet the surface swells from a dead flat, and one can see across the valley on either side, to the wooded, circling hills which bound the horizon. On one side stand the cattle, swine and sheep pens, on the opposite are ranged the horse stalls, with a track near by encircling five or six acres. In the centre are the poultry sheds, the various halls, and the Police, Telegraph, President's and Press offices. Near the entrance stands the business office and the refreshment department. At the further end implements of all kinds are scattered over the ground. Taken altogether, the grounds and buildings look neat, roomy, and well arranged. The weather is propitious. Judging by to-day's crowd, the receipts will furnish no just grounds for complaint. But the Exhibition itself falls below any one of the three next preceding it, and hardly ranges above a respectable County Fair.

There is a new and excellent feature this year, and it is to be hoped that the Society will persist in enforcing the rule that the entry books shall be closed several weeks prior to the Fair, and nothing be allowed on exhibition which is not entered previous to their closing. The result this year is a well-arranged catalogue of one hundred and fifty-two pages, describing 2,036 entries. It is practically a hand-book of the Fair. In the case of Stock, description, pedigree, and, if for sale, prices are given. Implements are also described, priced, and the makers' address given. It forms a valuable record of the Exhibition. There is some grumbling because of the exclusion from exhibition of articles not thus entered, and a disposition to attribute the meagerness of the show to this cause. But a glance at the catalogue shows the entries to be numerous enough, and the empty stock pens and shelves in the halls are the cards of those who didn't chose to exhibit after making those entries.

THE CATTLE.

Though few in number, there is some very fine stock.

The best Short-Horns here are those of Hon. E. Cornell, Ithaca. He exhibits fifteen head. The herd prize was taken by his cow "Kirkleavington 12th," a roan, bred by the exhibitor, calved in April, 1865, sired by 3d "Lord Oxford," dam "Kirkleavington 11th." "Princess 16th," by "St. Valentine," dam "Princess 12th," of the same age, was in the estimation of many fully equal to the prize cow. In the same class C. exhibited "Rosamond," bred by R. A. Alexander, Woodford county, Ky. His yearling bull "Locomotive" by "St. Valentine," dam "Lucinda," was decorated with blue ribbon (first prize), also the bull calf "Baron Booth," by "Crowbar," dam "Maria Booth," by "Duke of Oxford."

The other principal exhibitors of Short-Horns are, Craig W. and James W. Wadsworth, of

Geneseo; K. C. Ward, of LeRoy; A. B. Benham, of Tompkins Co.; F. C. Lowman, of Tioga Co.; V. W. Mason, of Madison Co.; Wm. Blanchard, of Penn Yan; Wm. Jackson, of Cayuga Co.; and George Butts, of Manlius.

The finest display in cattle is in Ayrshires. The herds well represented are those of Walcott & Campbell, of New York Mills; S. D. Hungerford, of Adams, N. Y.; Brodie & Son, of Rural Hills; O. Howland, of Auburn; and E. C. Holden, of McGrawville. Mr. Hungerford exhibited twenty-two head—the largest number—and W. & C. eight. Jerseys are shown by Wm. Crozier, of Northport. His herd of seven or eight had no competitors, with the exception of a yearling bull, exhibited by Thos. Gould, Auburn. There is nothing remarkable about the few grade cattle, oxen, steers, &c., shown, except the big ox owned by Benjamin Fellows, of Chili. He is five years old, and said to weigh thirty-five hundred.

THE SHOW OF HORSES

Is not equal to that of last year, but, perhaps, is as good as the average, except in the class of brood mares, which is miserable. Wm. Innis, of York, Ontario, Canada, took the first prize in the class of draft stallions over four years old, with "Little John," a dappled black, seven years old, sixteen and a half hands, by "Robin Hood," dam by "Messenger." Lewis G. Morris, of Fordham, has several prize horses on the grounds, of which "Orion," a steel grey, three-year-old Hambletonian stallion, took a first. There is a fine range in stallions, and the young look promising. Improvement is manifest in these. But there are also a large number of very inferior horses, such as absolutely disgrace a Fair. Probably they will not be exhibited at the next horse-trot.

THE SHEEP SHOW.

The display of Sheep is best in the long-wooled breeds. The principal exhibitors of these are, Walcott and Campbell, who show Leicesters and Lincolns. Julian Winne shows Leicesters. Fine Cotswolds are shown by Jno. D. Wing, Dutchess county. There are but few South Downs, shown chiefly by E. Cornell, of Ithaca, and John Lynch, of West Brighton; William Chamberlain and Carl Heyne, of Red Hook. Bronson and Marriner, of East Bloomfield; and Peter and Geo. F. Martin, of Monroe county, are the principal exhibitors of the fine wools.

THE SHOW OF SWINE.

Like other classes of stock, the Swine department is not well filled. There are some large hogs, some tolerable Chesters and Cheshires, some Essex and Berkshires. The quality of the white breeds would not compare well with those shown in former years. The dark breeds (Essex and Berkshires) were fine, and seemed more thorough-bred than the others.

FLORAL HALL.

It was, perhaps, unfortunate for the Horticultural part of the State Fair, that the National