

American Live Stock Associations.

PERCHERON HORSES.

The annual meeting of the American Percheron Horse Association was held at Chicago on Nov. 18th. President T. W. Palmer was in the chair at the opening of the meeting, but soon retired on account of press of duties in connection with the World's Fair. Hon. H. B. Kellogg presided during the continuance of the meeting. Secretary S. D. Thompson was present, as was also Vice-President I. L. Elliott; Treasurer P. Whitmer, Bloomington, Ill., was absent. About twenty-five members, in addition to the officers named, were in attendance. The Secretary's minutes showed receipts during the year, from sale of stock, to have been \$1,240; from entry fees, \$3,211. The total expenses were \$4,724. The balance of cash on hand was reported as \$180.51. Unpaid bills were announced amounting to \$690, which leaves the Association at present \$510 in debt, with no funds at hand to meet the same. Vol. 5 of the Stud Book is reported nearly ready for publication. The statement of the financial condition aroused considerable interest among members on the question of finances.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Kellogg, Elliott and Durham was appointed to retire and report within thirty minutes some plan for reviving the financial condition of the treasury. The plan adopted was: After January 1st, 1891, all entry fees shall be as follows: On American-bred colts eligible for registry, \$4.00; on imported horses \$10.00; provided that if the animals are not registered before January 1st following birth or importation, double the above fees will be charged. This will necessitate an amendment of the by-laws of the Association. Decrease in the number of imported animals, and apathy of breeders in recording, seem to warrant the measure. The Secretary was instructed by the Society to correspond with the various Draught Horse Associations with a view to consolidating the annual exhibits of horses with the Fat Stock Show in future annual expositions. The sentiment prevailed that these shows, as carried on separately, were proved conclusively to be failures.

CLYDESDALE HORSES.

The American Clydesdale Association convened in annual session at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 4, 1890. President, N. P. Clarke, in calling the Association to order, supplemented the same by a few congratulatory remarks on the Society's success, and the marked advance made since the last annual meeting, anticipating a far greater "onward march" as the Columbian Exposition shall draw nigh. The Reports of Secretary and Treasurer were each approved; the latter showing a balance on hand of \$3,143.59. The usual routine of business absorbed most of the Association's time, with a great deal of useless discussion as to the legality of the votes by proxy. The officers elected for the ensuing two years are: President, N. P. Clarke, St. Cloud, Minn.; Vice-President, John C. Huston, Blandinsville, Ill.; Secretary, Chas. F. Mills, Springfield, Ill.; Treas., Wm. Moffatt, Paw Paw, Ill. New members of Executive Committee: R. B. Ogilvie, Madison, Wis.; Robt. Belth, Bowmanville, Ont.; J. M. Turner, Lansing, Mich.

SHIRE HORSES.

The Shire Horse Breeders of America met at the Sherman House on Nov. 5th, 7:30 p. m. About 25 members were present. President A. Galbraith and Secretary C. Burgess were at their posts. The Secretary's report states that Volume 2 would be ready by Dec. 1st; he also announced that there are 408 entries received at this time for Volume 3. The Society was shown to be in a flourishing financial condition, there being \$4,548.39 now in the treasury. Applications for membership have been so numerous that the stock of the Association, formerly \$2,000, is entirely exhausted, being held by 188 members. It was decided by the Association to increase the capital stock \$2,000 by two hundred \$10 shares. An amendment to the Constitution is necessary for this purpose, and notice is to be sent to all the stockholders of a meeting for this purpose, to be held some time in December at Wenona, Ill., the home of the Secretary. The Executive Committee was authorized to expend such a sum as they deemed necessary to forward the Shire horse interests at the World's Fair. Mr. Termsby, representing the Canada Shire Horse Society, addressed the meeting in the interest of that Association, urging that each of the two societies acknowledge the certificates of the other. The matter was referred to the Editing Committee.

CLEVELAND BAYS.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Bay Society of America was held Nov. 6, at the Sherman House, Chicago. Vice-President W. A. Banks presiding, and H. P. Stricker, Secretary. The officers of this Society were elected at the annual meeting of 1889, and hold office two years. They are:—President, W. M. Fields, Cedar Falls, Iowa; 1st Vice-President, W. A. Banks, La Porte, Ind.; 2d Vice-President, F. C. Warren, Fox Lake, Wis.; Secretary, R. P. Stricker, Springfield, Ill.; Treasurer, E. W. Hall, Aurora, Ill. Board of Directors—George E. Brown, Aurora, Ill.; L. S. Fitch, Oakwood, Ind.; C. J. Fields, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Samuel Bell, Wooster, Ohio, and Chas. Burgess, Wenona, Ill. The Secretary was authorized to contract for a stone engraving and the issuing of one thousand certificates therefrom; said certificates to be sold at \$1 each. Volume II. of the Stud Book is now in press, and contains entries of 257 stallions and 65 mares. It will be an elegant work of about 200 pages.

SHETLAND PONY MEN.

The American Shetland Pony Club held its regular meeting at the Sherman House, Wednesday evening Nov. 5th, 1890, Pres't. C. P. Willert in the chair.

The Secretary reported a membership of 47, with nearly 700 ponies entered. Treas. Galbraith reported a surplus in treasury and no indebtedness. Officers elected: Pres., Hon. L. W. Mitchell, Waukegan, Ill.; 1st Vice-Pres., M. Levering, Lafayette, Ind.; Sec., J. Murray Hoag, Maquoketa, Iowa; Treas., A. R. Galbraith, Janesville, Wis. Directors:—H. C. Farum, Detroit, Mich.; C. P. Willard, Chicago, Ill.; Eli Elliott, West Liberty, Iowa; Robert Lillburn, Emerald Grove, Wis.; B. F. Stouffer, Fremont, Neb. A committee, composed of Messrs. Hoag, Willard and Levering, was appointed to close all entries by Jan. 1, 1891, and to issue a stud book not later than April 1, 1891. Messrs. Levering, Farum and Elliott were appointed a committee on the form of certificate to be used, and also on the form of transfers. The question as to the registration and afterwards disqualification of a pony on exceeding the height of 46 inches, provoked quite a discussion but was not definitely settled, the supposition, however, is that it will be satisfactorily settled in executive session. Messrs. Bergen, Elliott and others, in a discussion regarding Rule 3, claimed the fact that a pony was from the Shetland Islands was no guarantee whatever of its being thoroughbred, and, therefore, it must pass the examining committee before the issuance of a certificate.

GALLOWAY BREEDERS.

Vice-President E. K. Rea, of Ovid, Mo., called about 25 members of the American Galloway Breeders' Association to order Thursday evening, Nov. 13th, at the Grand Pacific Hotel. This number increased by the time Secretary L. P. Muir, of Independence, Mo., had called the roll, to a total attendance by proxy and otherwise of 288 out of a total of 323. The Secretary's report showed, Nov. 1, \$2,198.51 cash on hand, which, if accounts due are realized, will foot up so \$2,533.41. The assets of the Association increase this amount still further, to \$4,200.51. For Volume V. of the herd book 2,100 pedigrees are already received. The Association decided to do all business hereafter on a strictly cash basis. F. W. Stuart and David McKay were appointed to confer with and represent Galloway interests before the World's Fair Live Stock Committee, which meets in Chicago Nov. 20th.

HEREFORD CATTLE MEN.

The American Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association held its annual session at the Leland Hotel, Chicago, November 14. About 300 members were present by proxy or in person. Since the last meeting seventy members have been added, making at present 502 active members in the Association. Volume XI. of the Record has been closed and is now being prepared for the publisher; it contains 5,000 entries. Cash in Treasurer's hands amounts to \$7,153.28. The entire assets of the Association amount to about \$22,000. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. A. Funkhouser, Plattsville, Mo.; Vice-President, A. E. Haven, Chicago; Member of Executive Committee, C. Gudrell, Independence, Mo. Board Directors, B. C. Rhone, Texas; Thomas J. Higginis, Council Grove, Kan.; C. M. Gilbertson, Newman, Ill.; John Savage, Elyria, Ohio; Thos. F. Sotham, Pontiac, Mich. President Funkhouser was delegated to represent the American Hereford Breeders' Association's interests before the Committee of Eighteen of the National Live Stock Association, with power to act in relation to finances for necessary expenses of said Committee in their authorized duties. The following resolution was adopted:—By Frank VanNatta, Fowler, Ind.: That this Association appropriate \$5,000 as special premiums at the World's Fair for Herefords and grade Herefords, provided the World's Fair management shall arrange for a contest between beef breeds; if not, the appropriation to be \$3,500.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS BREEDERS.

The seventh annual session of the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association took place at the Leland Hotel, Chicago, at 7:30 p. m., November 20. Forty members were personally present and 123 were represented by proxy. In his opening remarks President T. W. Harvey said:—"Our Association is in a most healthy state. Without raising fees, except that of membership, we have during the past 2½ years, equipped an office of our own with first class facilities for doing the work of a recording association, including fire-proof card index system. We have paid all special premiums earned by Aberdeen-Angus cattle at a Fat Stock Show; also bought steers for Experimental Stations. We have published two editions of the Herd Book, Volumes II. and III.; the last named with triple the amount of office work, on account of extended pedigrees. The number of entries put upon the record for 3 years is as follows:—1888, 1,852 entries; 1889, 1,396 entries; and for 1890 just 1,896 entries. I want to urge the membership to give more attention to feeding and to preparing steers for the Fat Stock Shows. To keep to the front is our every aim!" The Association decided unanimously to appropriate \$3,000, as a premium fund for exhibits made by the Aberdeen-Angus exhibitors at the World's Fair of 1893, and that this Association also duplicate all awards made on Aberdeen-Angus cattle at the Fat Stock Show.

The following were elected members of the Board of Directors for 9 years: H. W. Elliott, Estill, Mo.; E. S. Burwell, Cottage Grove, Wis.; J. J. Rogers, Abingdon, Ill. The Directors elected officers as follows: President, W. A. McHenry, Denison, Iowa; Vice-President, R. B. Hudson, Carrollton, Mo.; Secretary and Treasurer, Thos. McFarlane, Harvey, Ill. Members of Executive Committee, T. W. Harvey, E. S. Burwell, and T. M. Andrew, West Point, Ind. By a unanimous vote the salary of the Secretary was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year.

JERSEY CATTLE.

A general meeting of Jersey cattle breeders, called by the American Jersey Cattle Club, was held at the Hotel Wellington, Chicago, Nov. 18. Vice-President Farle presided. A delegate was appointed to appear in behalf of the Jersey breeders before the National Live Stock Association Committee of 18, regarding World's Fair exhibit, etc. Mr. W. H. Gilbert and John Boyd, of the Columbian Dairy Association, were present and submitted a request for a quota of Jersey cows to fill the 300 decided upon for a working dairy—50 of this number they asked from Jersey breeders. After a long discussion the following resolution prevailed: Resolved, that the plans submitted be approved by this meeting, and that the directors of the A. J. C. be requested to assist the Columbian Dairy Association in securing the cows; providing that full directors shall first satisfy themselves that full justice will be done the Jerseys. A motion prevailed requesting the A. J. C. to call a similar meeting here next year, after which the convention adjourned.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS.

An informal meeting of the Holstein-Friesian breeders was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18. Thos. B. Wales, of Iowa City, Iowa, called the meeting to order. S. N. Wright, of Elgin, Ill., was chosen President, and Mr. Wales Secretary of the meeting. J. L. Dutcher, Pawling, N. Y.; W. Judson Smith, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dexter Severy, Leland, Ill.; Col. W. M. Liegett, Benson, Minn.; M. L. Sweet, Grand Rapids, and others were present, and engaged in informally discussing matters relative to the advancement, both of the Holstein-Friesian cattle and the Association. The exhibit of Holstein cattle at the Fat Stock Show this year was the largest they have ever made. Their general meeting was held in New York last March.

SHORTHORNS.

The above named Association convened in Chicago, Nov. 19th, represented by 159 voters and proxies. Vice-President C. E. Leonard, of Missouri, presided. Secretary J. H. Pickrell reported the Society in very good condition. He stated that Vol. XXXVI. will be ready for delivery about June 1st, 1891; he also reported rapid progress with the work of revision of the first 13 Volumes of the early herd books, and stated that these would contain about 2,000 cows that have recorded descendants. Finances were reported in the following condition: Cash on hand last year, \$22,361.14; received during the year, \$17,581.78; expenses during the year, \$19,877.06; total cash on hand, including bonds, \$25,055.86; other properties, including books, furniture, etc., \$17,481.36, making the total assets \$42,537.22. On recommendation of the Board of Directors the Association appointed Col. A. M. Rowman, of Virginia, delegate from this Association, to meet on the following day the Live Stock Committee of Eighteen of the Columbian Exposition. He was empowered to present a classification submitted by the Directors, and approved by this Association, providing premiums for Short-horns at the said coming Exposition, appropriating funds of this Association amounting to about \$6,000, provided an equal amount should be furnished from the general funds of the Columbian Exposition for Short-horns. The Secretary was instructed to correspond with all National Cattle Associations, inviting them to a general convention to consider the cattle interests of the coming Columbian Exposition. The Association also passed a unanimous resolution against the dual site proposed for the great exposition of 1893, and urged the Committee on Live Stock to secure, if possible, a single site for the show.

The Association re-elected Wm. A. H. Jones, Delaware, Ohio, to the Board of Directors. Hon. John McHugh, Cresco, Iowa, and Col. T. S. Moberly, Richmond, Ky., were elected to fill vacancies on the board. Mr. Henderson appeared before the meeting and presented a request for assistance from Short-horn breeders in maintaining a proposed working dairy at the coming World's Fair. This contemplates the keeping of 300 cows and converting their products daily into butter, cheese, etc., thus giving an exhibit of the most improved methods of dairying. It is expected that the various breeds will contribute a pro rata number of cows. This matter was left in the hands of the Directors, with full power to act as they deemed best.

COTSWOLD SHEEP.

The 13th annual meeting of the American Cotswold Association was held at the Sherman House, Chicago, Nov. 18th. President R. C. Judson, Farmington, Minn., called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report, showing a balance on hand of \$701.61, was read and approved. Vol. IV. was published in March, and 550 pedigrees have been received for Vol. V. A classification for Cotswolds at the World's Fair was recommended, and a prosperous year reported by breeders generally. Officers elected as follows: President, R. C. Judson, Farmington, Minn.; Vice-Presidents, J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont.; E. E. Carothers, Houstonville, Pa.; Geo. W. Franklin, Atlantic, Iowa; Secretary and Treasurer, George Harding, Waukesha, Wis.; Directors, J. B. Herkless, Knightstown, Ind.; J. O. Malley, Waukegan, Wis., and George Harding, Waukesha, Wis.

SHROPSHIRE.

The American Shropshire Registry Association met at Chicago, November 18th. S. H. Todd presided. This Association was organized February, 1884. Shropshire sheep were then comparatively unknown in this country; to-day there are over 23,000 recorded sheep, and they boast of more re-