

many thanks, but all the same he has opened the eyes of the country, and it perhaps counts for something that he is understood to be a persona grata at Court, and, indeed, an intimate of the King. Sir Blundell Maple is one of the commercial kings of London, who combines his labors in that sphere with the pursuits of a country gentleman. He is a breeder of Shire and Thoroughbred horses, and generally has an eye to the main chance. As member of Parliament he has done good service, and the unearthing of the Remount scandal is due to his zeal and pertinacity. Pony-breeding has received a much-needed fillip here, and there is every prospect of greater attention being paid to it in future than ever in the past. The Polo Pony Society has been reconstituted, and is doing splendid work in registration of all recognized pony breeds in one studbook, but each in its own section and as a distinct breed. It takes cognizance chiefly of riding ponies, and does not meddle with those of Hackney or driving type and breeding. "SCOTLAND YET."

### The Bath and West of England Show.

This, the first of the three large English summer shows, held its meeting at Plymouth on May 27th to 31st last, when in all the departments there was a display of good average merit. The aggregate number of entries this year was 1,934, as against 2,096 at the corresponding show last year and 1,041 at the last show held by this Society in Plymouth in 1873.

The horse section accounted for 276 of the entries, which were divided into the usual sub-sections. Following the order of catalogue, we refer first to the agricultural horses, whose number was fifty-three, of which forty were Shire horses. The principal studs represented in the winners were: For stallions, Lord Rothschild's and Lord Llangattock's, whose specimens were of good merit; and for mares, Mr. R. W. Hudson secured the pride of place, the Shire Horse Society's gold medal being won by his noble three-year-old mare, Wern Blossom, and another from the same stud, Nateby Aurea, won in the broodmare class; Lord Llangattock winning in the two-year-old class, and Mr. H. Oakly in that for yearling fillies. The five classes for Hackneys secured an entry of twenty-three, a typical lot, but nothing exceptional, Mrs. Oppenheimer taking the Hackney Society's gold medal with Knowle Belinda, a two-year-old filly by that grand mover, His Majesty, whose fine quality and action was well represented by his successful progeny.

The cattle section was one of quality and good character, the aggregate total of entries being 515, as against 633 last year. The pride of place in the schedule is given to the "Rubies of the West," the Devon cattle, whose Society, we may mention, are now inserting in our columns an advertisement of their breed, which are, in fact, the Southdowns of the cattle breeds: small in size, but having little waste offal, with the finest of flesh. In their classes we found an entry of twenty-three head, Mr. J. C. Williams being the owner of the winning bulls in each class, and he also secured the champion honor and its reserve, their respective names being Woodman 4518, Musa and Woodbine, a noble and typical trio. The Hon. E. W. B. Portman was leading winner in the female classes, with neat and symmetrical animals. The South-Devons numbered fifty-two. These are very much of the character of the Devon, but have more size and bone and lack the high quality of the former. Unquestionably this section was a very strong one all through, and the honors were pretty evenly distributed amongst several of the leading exhibitors.

The entry of Shorthorns was eminently a satisfactory one in all respects, the number of entries being forty-nine. The great success achieved by Mr. J. Deane Willis demonstrates the high quality and value of his widely-known Scotch-bred herd, for he, with three bulls—C. I. V., Granite Chip and Bapton Florist—secured all three firsts and the champion honors also, the first-named bull securing the champion prize, beating, both in the contest for this and also in his class, Mr. G. F. King's Lord Bruce, who was champion at the great Dublin show last month. Mr. Willis also won with White Heather in the cow class, beating Warrior Queen, formerly Capt. Duncombe's and now owned by Lord Calthorpe. He also won in the heifer-calf class. Lord Rothschild, Messrs. R. Stratton, J. Colman and A. Henderson, M. P., were also leading winners.

Forty-one entries made up the Hereford class, which were of high merit and quality. The Earl of Coventry, Messrs. W. F. Barneby, A. E. Hughes, J. Tudge and G. D. Faber, M. P., were the principal winners.

Sussex cattle had present a small but exceedingly creditable entry of sixteen, the Earl of Derby, Mr. P. F. B. Lailard, Mrs. Montefiore and the Earl of Winterton being the principal winners.

The Red Polled cattle, with a notable entry

of twenty-three, certainly did their breed considerable credit. Lord Amberst, Sir W. D. Corbet, Hon. A. E. Fellowes, M. P., and Messrs. R. P. Cooper and J. Hammond were the leading winners.

The Aberdeen-Angus away from north of the Tweed were not a numerically strong class, but had fine merit, fifteen entries being present, the leading honors going to Messrs. J. J. Cridean, R. P. Hudson (whose herd is of high merit), and J. H. Bridges.

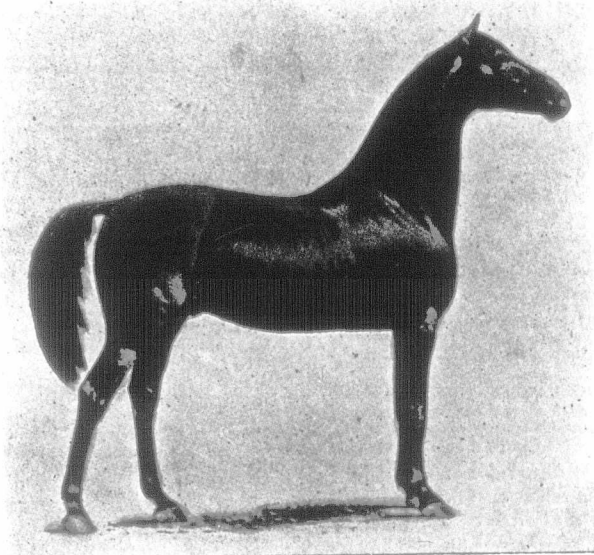
One hundred and fifteen Jerseys were entered for competition. These large classes were, we may say, of typical and creditable merit, a fact clearly demonstrated by the large number of awards given, namely, seventy-five. Lord Rothschild, Admiral Howe, T. S. Brand, Mrs. C. McIntosh, Col. McCalmont, M. P., and Mr. A. Miller-Hallett were the more important winners.

The Guernseys came out in strong force, namely, sixty-seven entries. The Lady Titchbourne and Mr. W. A. Glynn, both of whom are owners of noted herds, were the leading winners in these well-filled and good classes.

The sheep section of the Show was one in which opportunity was afforded to see and inspect varieties seldom seen out of their district. The entries in the several classes for the six breeds numbered 170, as against 188 at the same show last year.

The Cotswolds were but few in number—only seven, but Mr. W. Houlton, who was first in yearling rams and ewes, was owner of some grand sheep, Mr. R. Swanwick winning with lambs and second for shearling ram.

The Devon Longwools, a south country sheep of the Lincoln type, were well to the fore, with an entry of eighteen. These are excellent mutton sheep, with a good class of long wool, hardly so dense or broad in the staple as the Lincoln, the honors being pretty evenly divided between the two leading flocks of Messrs. F. White and H. E. Thorne.



GOODWIN.

Prizewinning American saddle stallion, in his 2-year-old form. Typical of the American gaited saddle.

The Southdowns were in good force, with high quality. Mr. C. Adeane's yearling rams led the way, winning also champion honors. A pair of real typical rams they were, with grand flesh, fleeces and skins, and we are fully in accord with the award. They won first and second in their class. Third honors went to a fresh exhibitor, Col. A. F. Walter, whose flock, under the charge of Sir James Blyth's late shepherd, is making rapid headway, and the ram here noticed is one of high merit and fine flesh, Mr. E. Ellis' noted old stock being r. n. with a ram full of quality. In ram lambs, that great flock owned by Col. McCalmont [see his adv.] won first with a notable pen got by last year's champion ram lamb, a pen of great merit, whilst his second pen came in for third honors, a success that demonstrates the high merit of this well-managed and carefully-bred flock. Mr. C. Adeane's pair of deep and wide lambs, with typical fleeces, were a good second, and Col. A. F. Walter's well-matched pair r. n. Col. McCalmont's trio of wide, deep-fleshed ewes took precedence in their class and champion honors also, a pen of valuable ewes and wonderfully well brought out. Mr. J. Colman's nice-wooled pen, with typical heads, were second, Col. A. F. Walter's inspiring pen, one of which was a grand ewe, third.

The entry in the Hampshire Down classes was one of merit and quality, though its number was not large, namely, sixteen. Mr. Carey Coles won in the yearling rams after a severe fight with two notably deep-fleshed and fine-quality rams from Mr. J. Flower's flock, which were second and third. The winning ram had rare type, being a fine, masculine, lengthy sheep. Lord Rothschild and Mr. J. Joyce were also in the award list, with typical rams. In the ram-lamb class, however, the result was different. Here Mr. J.

Flower asserted the well-known pre-eminence of his grand flock and went first and third with four lambs of notable quality and merit, Mr. Coles being a good second with a well-grown, masculine-headed pen. Lord Rothschild's flock had to be content with barren honors for two pens of high merit and good flesh. Hard luck, but all cannot be at the top. In the yearling ewes, Mr. Flower had again a couple of pens of ewes practically unmatchable in respect to type, character and merit. They were first and second.

The Shropshire entry, twenty-two, was a large one and good all through. Mr. R. P. Cooper's leading ram thoroughly deserved the premier award, being typical, with grand flesh and fleece. We also very much liked Mr. W. F. Inge's second winner, a ram of the right sort and one which has every appearance of making an excellent sire. Third honors went to a second ram of Mr. Cooper's. This ought to have gone to the r. n. from Mr. E. Nock's flock, which was fully deserving of this place. Again in the ram lambs Mr. Cooper led the way. He was fortunate here mainly on account of the unevenness in the size of Mr. Nock's second winners, for had they matched they must have won, their flesh being deeper and they were wider and more firm. Mr. W. F. Inge's ewes repeated their Oxford success, a pen of well-matched, evenly-fleshed ewes, Mr. R. P. Cooper coming in for second honors with a pen of substance, width and character, whilst two pens which we liked very much, from Mr. T. Fenn's and Mr. E. Nock's, were respectively third and r. n.

An entry of twenty-one made up a better lot of Oxford Downs than we have seen for several years at this show. Mr. J. T. Hobbs, with his Oxford champion ram, again led the way in the yearling class. Another first-class ram from the same flock came in for r. n. Mr. R. W. Hobbs, whose flock is fast taking a leading place, was second, with a grand ram of high merit, and Mr. A. Brassey third. This breeder was first in the classes for ram lambs and yearling ewes. The former pen are a bit narrow and too high, but the latter pen are as good as can be. Mr. J. T. Hobbs was second in these classes, and we were much struck with the undoubted merit of the ram lambs, which may yet take precedence over the Brassey pen. They are wider, deeper and more compact. Mr. R. W. Hobbs secured third honors in these classes with entries full of grand type, good flesh and high merit, a flock from whence selections can be made with all confidence.

The picturesque Exmoors were represented by an entry of a dozen pens, Mr. C. N. Skinner taking the lead all through. The Dartmoors, another purely local breed, with grand fleeces of long staple, made a notable display, and one could not but be struck with their wealth of flesh and typical uniformity of markings.

The Dorset Horns, with an entry of thirteen, were well represented, and the well-known flock of Mr. W. R. Flower has seldom, if ever before, sent out a better or more typical collection, whose uniform success was thoroughly deserved. They secured premier honors in all the classes they competed in. Mr. F. J. Merson led in the yearling-ram class with a grand ram, and was second for yearling ewes, a well-matched, even, typical pen. We were pleased to see the well-known name of Culverwell once again in the award list, being second for rams and commended.

In swine, the Berkshires, with an entry of twenty-two in four classes, well represented their breed. The Hon. Claud Portman, who won the championship with his notable, deep-fleshed and good-backed sow, Ethel, certainly exhibited one of the best specimens of her breed we have seen for many a day. Two hundred and fifty dollars was offered and refused for her at home. Messrs. R. W. Hudson, J. A. Nicker and J. Lawrence were amongst the other leading winners.

We claim, with every confidence, that included amongst those who from England advertise their herds and flocks in the "Farmer's Advocate" are included those who can supply the best and, as another example of the fact, we quote the pronounced success of the herd of Yorkshire swine of Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart. At this show it won championship for boars, first and r. n. for Large White old boars (\$500 being offered for the champion), second for pairs of young boars, first for old sows, and first for pairs of sows. In Middle Whites, first and second for old boars, and third and r. n. for old sows; whilst in Small Whites it was first pen for old boars and second for old sows, a record that needs neither critical detail nor description to disclose the fact of the undoubted merit of the herd.

The Tamworth entry was a small one of high merit. Mr. D. W. Phillip's herd being far away ahead of all. A sow of his breeding won for Mr. H. C. Stephens the championship of the sow classes in competition with the White breeds, and he also took precedence in young sow classes as well as several minor honors. Mr. H. C. Stephens led in the classes for young boars, and Mr. E. de Hamel in that for old boars.

The produce classes and the dairy section were very good. This last-named section, a main feature at these annual gatherings, was well supported and attracted considerable interest.